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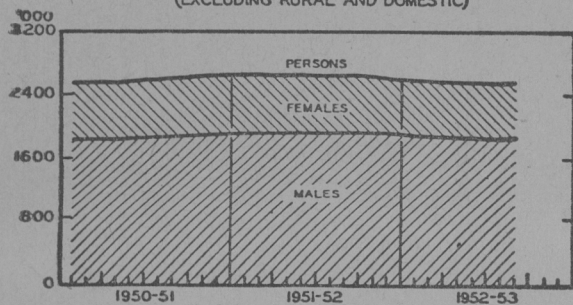
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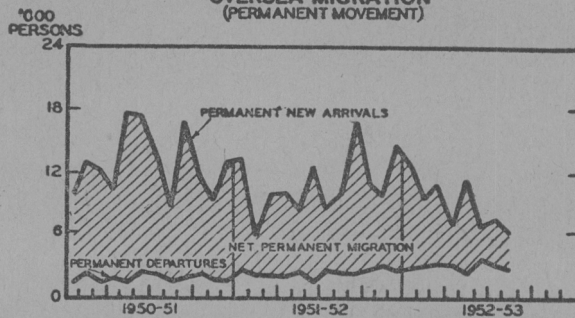
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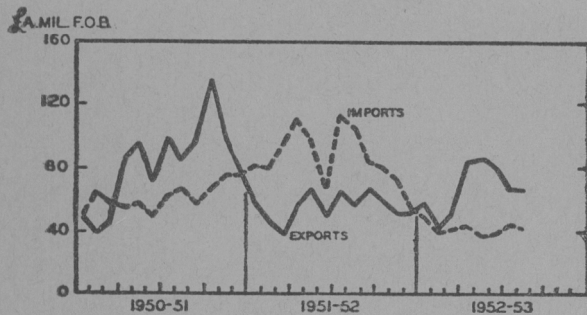
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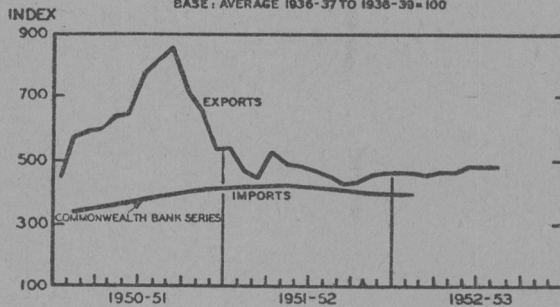
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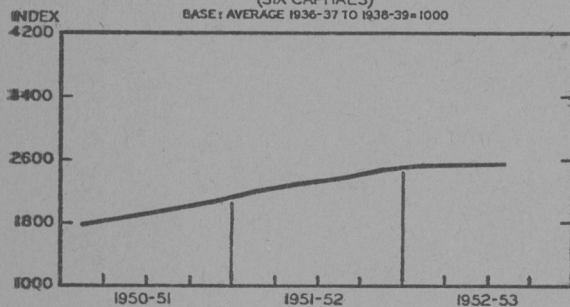
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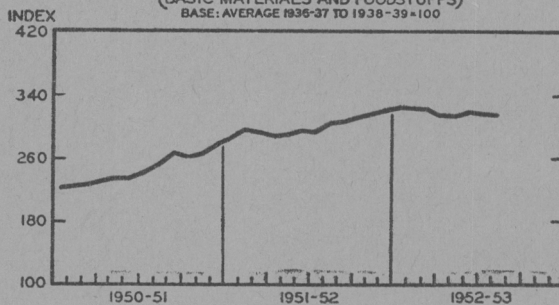
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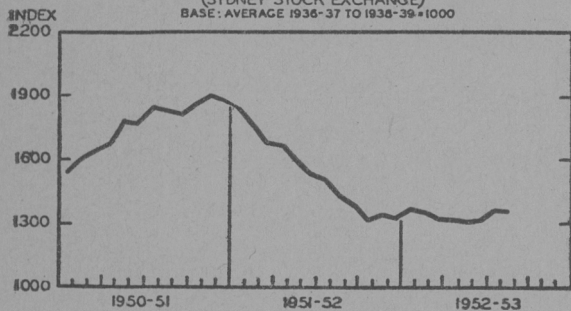
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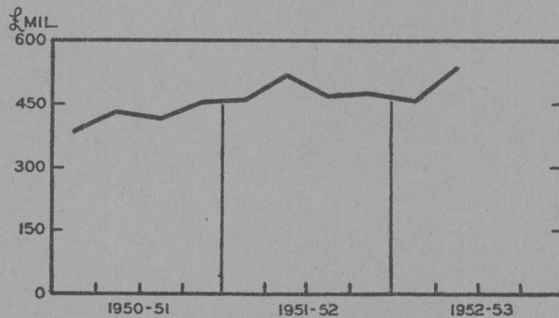
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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

| Period.               | Employment—Australia.<br>Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).(a) |          |          | Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia: Index No. (Base: 1945-46=1,000).(b) | Overseas Trade (Merchandise only). |            | Building Permits(c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses Completed.(d) | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. |
|-----------------------|--|----------|----------|---|------------------------------------|------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                       | Males.   | Females. | Total.   |   | Imports.                           | Exports.   |   |                          |                           |                              |
| Monthly               | '000.  | '000.    | '000.    |   | £m. f.o.b.                         | £m. f.o.b. | £'000.  | No.                      | '000 tons.                | Million kwh.                 |
| <b>Average—</b>       | (e)992   | (e)341   | (e)1,333 | n.a.  | 5.5                                | 8.2        | 565   | n.a.                     | 732                       | 225                          |
| 1932-33 ..            | n.a.   | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 8.6                                | 12.4       | 1,986   | n.a.                     | 977                       | 331                          |
| 1936-37 ..            | n.a.   | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 10.6                               | 11.8       | 2,307   | n.a.                     | 990                       | 363                          |
| 1937-38 ..            | (f)1,293   | (f)437   | (f)1,730 | n.a.  | 9.4                                | 10.2       | 2,353   | n.a.                     | 1,051                     | 391                          |
| 1938-39 ..            | 1,379  | 602      | 1,981    | 1,000   | 14.8                               | 16.4       | 2,190   | 3,844                    | 1,052                     | 576                          |
| 1945-46 ..            | 1,592  | 610      | 2,202    | 1,037   | 17.4                               | 25.8       | 4,084   | 8,152                    | 1,178                     | 627                          |
| 1946-47 ..            | 1,693  | 635      | 2,328    | 1,164   | 28.2                               | 33.8       | 4,687   | 10,876                   | 1,231                     | 697                          |
| 1947-48 ..            | 1,757  | 656      | 2,413    | 1,322   | 34.5                               | 45.2       | 5,577   | 12,835                   | 1,276                     | 754                          |
| 1948-49 ..            | 1,810  | 675      | 2,485    | 1,451   | 44.7                               | 51.1       | 7,129   | 13,873                   | 1,243                     | 792                          |
| 1949-50 ..            | 1,882  | 707      | 2,589    | 1,742   | 61.8                               | 81.8       | 10,426  | 16,895                   | 1,369                     | 875                          |
| 1950-51 ..            | 1,915  | 709      | 2,624    | 2,145   | 87.5                               | 55.7       | 9,700   | 19,475                   | 1,598                     | 942                          |
| 1951-52 ..            |  |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b> |  |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| 1950-51—              |  |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| April ..              | 1,905  | 718      | 2,623    | 1,915   | 68.1                               | 136.1      | 13,079  | 17,560                   | 1,443                     | 872                          |
| May ..                | 1,910  | 719      | 2,629    |   | 76.0                               | 98.7       | 12,942  |                          | 1,526                     | 927                          |
| June ..               | 1,911  | 719      | 2,630    |   | 75.8                               | 79.7       | 11,833  |                          | 1,484                     | 923                          |
| 1951-52—              |  |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| July ..               | 1,913  | 720      | 2,633    | 2,020   | 80.7                               | 58.3       | 11,792  | 18,413                   | 1,652                     | 997                          |
| August ..             | 1,912  | 722      | 2,634    |   | 80.1                               | 45.9       | 12,906  |                          | 1,739                     | 1,004                        |
| September             | 1,907  | 721      | 2,628    |   | 94.7                               | 39.1       | 10,187  |                          | 1,571                     | 912                          |
| October               | 1,909  | 722      | 2,631    | 2,129   | 110.9                              | 57.0       | 11,184  | 20,837                   | 1,855                     | 948                          |
| November              | 1,919  | 724      | 2,643    |   | 97.7                               | 66.8       | 9,384   |                          | 1,759                     | 936                          |
| December              | 1,916  | 721      | 2,637    |   | 68.2                               | 49.7       | 7,788   |                          | 1,317                     | 871                          |
| January ..            | 1,917  | 711      | 2,628    | 2,183   | 114.2                              | 64.6       | 7,612   | 18,417                   | 1,061                     | 884                          |
| February              | 1,921  | 707      | 2,628    |   | 106.0                              | 56.3       | 8,287   |                          | 1,653                     | 905                          |
| March ..              | 1,924  | 704      | 2,628    |   | 85.4                               | 66.6       | 8,849   |                          | 1,743                     | 952                          |
| April ..              | 1,920  | 694      | 2,614    | 2,249   | 81.5                               | 59.0       | 8,593   | 20,231                   | 1,569                     | 914                          |
| May ..                | 1,914  | 688      | 2,602    |   | 75.3                               | 51.8       | 9,306   |                          | 1,726                     | 992                          |
| June ..               | 1,908  | 679      | 2,587    |   | 54.9                               | 53.0       | 9,848   |                          | 1,537                     | 988                          |
| 1952-53—              |  |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| July ..               | 1,894  | 674      | 2,568    | 2,305   | 49.9                               | 57.5       | 8,544   | 20,261                   | 1,886                     | 1,082                        |
| August ..             | 1,882  | 668      | 2,550    |   | 39.6                               | 41.8       | 8,733   |                          | 1,574                     | 1,039                        |
| September             | 1,871  | 666      | 2,537    |   | 42.4                               | 50.3       | 11,856  |                          | 1,815                     | 992                          |
| October ..            | 1,869  | 666      | 2,535    | 2,354   | 43.9                               | 85.0       | 9,911   | 20,251                   | 1,873                     | 1,018                        |
| November              | 1,866  | 667      | 2,533    |   | 35.5                               | 86.6       | 9,317   |                          | 1,651                     | 965                          |
| December              | 1,864  | 669      | 2,533    |   | 38.5                               | 81.9       | 8,259   |                          | 1,353                     | 972                          |
| January ..            | 1,858  | 664      | 2,522    |   | 44.7                               | 67.0       | 7,607   |                          | 1,080                     | 940                          |
| February              | 1,871  | 672      | 2,543    |   | 41.5                               | 65.7       |   |                          | 1,535                     | 947                          |
| March ..              |  |          |          |   | 44.2                               | 90.2       |   |                          | 1,570                     |                              |

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1939.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period.                     | Production of<br>Ingot<br>Steel. | New Motor Vehicles<br>Registered.(a) |                              | Mainland<br>State<br>Railways<br>Gross<br>Revenue. | P.M.G.'s<br>Depart-<br>ment<br>Receipts.<br>(b) | Wholesale<br>Trade :<br>New Sales<br>Recorded<br>Under<br>Sales Tax<br>Acts | Retail<br>Sales.(c) | Private Trading Banks.<br>(Weekly Averages). |           | Bank<br>Debits<br>to<br>Cus-<br>tomer's<br>Accounts<br>(Weekly<br>Averages). |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|--|-----------|--|
|                             |                                  | Motor<br>Cars.                       | Com-<br>mercial<br>Vehicles. |  |   |   |                     | Deposits.                                    | Advances. |  |
|                             | '000<br>tons.                    | '000.                                | '000.                        | £'000.   | £'000.  | £m.   | £m.                 | £m.  | £m.       | £m.  |
| <b>Monthly<br/>Average—</b> |                                  |                                      |                              |  |   |   |                     |  |           |  |
| 1932-33 ..                  | 32.7                             | 1.0                                  | 0.3                          | 3,017  | 1,053   | 29.1  | n.a.                | 269.9  | 231.0     | n.a.   |
| 1936-37 ..                  | 90.0                             | 4.0                                  | 2.0                          | 3,407  | 1,318   | 37.2  | n.a.                | 297.6  | 262.5     | n.a.   |
| 1937-38 ..                  | 97.2                             | 4.6                                  | 2.3                          | 3,632  | 1,396   | 40.6  | n.a.                | 314.8  | 274.4     | n.a.   |
| 1938-39 ..                  | 97.5                             | 4.5                                  | 2.1                          | 3,580  | 1,447   | 39.8  | n.a.                | 317.7  | 288.1     | n.a.   |
| 1945-46 ..                  | 88.5                             | 0.2                                  | 0.7                          | 5,576  | 2,371   | 55.7  | n.a.                | 606.4  | 212.2     | 122.4  |
| 1946-47 ..                  | 109.4                            | 1.8                                  | 1.4                          | 5,303  | 2,484   | 66.8  | n.a.                | 636.6  | 261.1     | 148.9  |
| 1947-48 ..                  | 112.1                            | 3.6                                  | 2.4                          | (d)6,376   | 2,616   | 79.5  | 240.4               | 673.5  | 329.9     | 175.9  |
| 1948-49 ..                  | 98.2                             | 5.5                                  | 3.1                          | 7,174  | 2,776   | 93.4  | 286.3               | 776.4  | 368.8     | 212.8  |
| 1949-50 ..                  | 101.5                            | 9.6                                  | 4.8                          | 7,702  | 3,196   | 110.2   | 340.8               | 910.1  | 403.9     | 271.1  |
| 1950-51 ..                  | 120.3                            | 10.6                                 | 6.5                          | 8,834  | 3,732   | 140.5   | 422.3               | 1,144.2                                      | 479.3     | 372.9  |
| 1951-52 ..                  | 127.4                            | 10.4                                 | 6.1                          | 11,668   | 4,948   | 162.1   | 482.5               | 1,201.7                                      | 621.4     | 402.4  |
| <b>Monthly<br/>Total—</b>   |                                  |                                      |                              |  |   |   |                     |  |           |  |
| 1950-51—                    |                                  |                                      |                              |  |   |   |                     |  |           |  |
| April ..                    | 132.1                            | 9.7                                  | 5.9                          | 9,400  | 4,099   | 154.7   | 456.0               | 1,297.0                                      | 502.3     | 439.7  |
| May ..                      | 118.6                            | 10.6                                 | 6.5                          | 10,234   | 4,361   | 159.2   |                     | 1,291.8                                      | 496.9     | 427.3  |
| June ..                     | 117.9                            | 8.5                                  | 5.6                          | 10,761   | 4,284   | 160.0   |                     | 1,237.7                                      | 509.5     | 421.0  |
| 1951-52—                    |                                  |                                      |                              |  |   |   |                     |  |           |  |
| July ..                     | 114.7                            | 10.7                                 | 7.0                          | 10,129   | 4,346   | 162.1   | 459.5               | 1,204.3                                      | 527.6     | 413.5  |
| August ..                   | 141.5                            | 13.6                                 | 9.4                          | 10,697   | 4,555   | 172.6   |                     | 1,190.6                                      | 541.6     | 361.6  |
| September                   | 135.3                            | 10.8                                 | 6.3                          | 10,037   | 4,090   | 172.1   |                     | 1,177.3                                      | 568.5     | 379.3  |
| October                     | 126.7                            | 12.1                                 | 6.5                          | 11,438   | 5,203   | 168.1   | 522.5               | 1,179.2                                      | 593.8     | 420.9  |
| November                    | 139.2                            | 11.9                                 | 6.8                          | 12,635   | 4,775   | 177.7   |                     | 1,190.7                                      | 620.7     | 422.2  |
| December                    | 137.1                            | 9.9                                  | 5.4                          | 11,701   | 5,309   | 153.3   |                     | 1,242.4                                      | 624.8     | 448.8  |
| January ..                  | 140.1                            | 8.2                                  | 4.6                          | 12,167   | 4,840   | 145.7   | 469.7               | 1,218.3                                      | 638.6     | 375.5  |
| February                    | 128.6                            | 9.6                                  | 5.3                          | 12,420   | 5,023   | 161.0   |                     | 1,228.5                                      | 654.6     | 414.7  |
| March ..                    | 137.2                            | 11.0                                 | 5.9                          | 12,168   | 4,940   | 168.9   |                     | 1,241.3                                      | 664.1     | 400.7  |
| April ..                    | 118.2                            | 10.2                                 | 5.4                          | 11,684   | 4,834   | 160.2   | 478.1               | 1,246.6                                      | 667.9     | 401.2  |
| May ..                      | 92.1                             | 9.7                                  | 5.6                          | 12,968   | 5,798   | 153.8   |                     | 1,182.0                                      | 675.6     | 403.2  |
| June ..                     | 99.7                             | 7.8                                  | 5.1                          | 11,972   | 5,657   | 149.8   |                     | 1,122.9                                      | 691.2     | 399.7  |
| 1952-53—                    |                                  |                                      |                              |  |   |   |                     |  |           |  |
| July ..                     | 147.2                            | 7.6                                  | 4.7                          | 12,118   | 5,334   | 150.6   | 460.0               | 1,072.1                                      | 699.3     | 384.2  |
| August ..                   | 153.1                            | 6.6                                  | 4.0                          | 12,317   | 5,121   | p142.1  |                     | 1,059.5                                      | 690.4     | 339.2  |
| September                   | 152.1                            | 7.2                                  | 4.1                          | 13,428   | 5,382   | p157.0  |                     | 1,054.1                                      | 682.0     | 353.2  |
| October                     | 166.0                            | 9.0                                  | 4.5                          | 13,889   | 5,702   | p167.5  | 535.2               | 1,077.7                                      | 673.4     | 376.5  |
| November                    | 154.5                            | 8.8                                  | 4.4                          | 12,710   | 5,030   |   |                     | 1,114.3                                      | 655.7     | 401.7  |
| December                    | 153.8                            | 9.3                                  | 4.6                          | 13,123   | 5,898   |   |                     | 1,147.4                                      | 637.7     | 432.8  |
| January                     | 157.1                            | 6.0                                  | 3.1                          |  | 4,866   |   | 466.2               | 1,171.6                                      | 616.0     | 336.8  |
| February                    | 145.1                            | p7.3                                 | p4.0                         |  | 5,126   |   |                     | 1,218.9                                      | 604.1     | 402.9  |
| March ..                    | 164.7                            | p8.2                                 | p4.6                         |  | 5,605   |   |                     | 1,227.6                                      | 593.9     | 416.9  |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Actual collections.  
(c) Quarterly average for years, and quarterly totals. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (d) From  
July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways.



# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                   | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Migration (b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| 1936-37 .. ..             | 14,627     | 29,634  | 16,129  | 13,505               | 496               | 14,291             | 6,835,536                    |
| 1937-38 .. ..             | 15,529     | 29,924  | 16,170  | 13,754               | 1,676             | 15,751             | 6,898,541                    |
| 1938-39 .. ..             | 15,279     | 30,636  | 17,023  | 13,613               | 3,339             | 17,303             | 6,967,754                    |
| 1945-46 .. ..             | 18,051     | 39,002  | 18,048  | 20,954               | -2,441            | 18,366             | 7,465,157                    |
| 1946-47 .. ..             | 19,399     | 48,072  | 18,401  | 29,671               | -1,611            | 28,550             | d7,579,358                   |
| 1947-48 .. ..             | 19,008     | 44,252  | 18,876  | 25,376               | 7,341             | 32,717             | 7,710,228                    |
| 1948-49 .. ..             | 18,498     | 44,149  | 19,041  | 25,108               | 25,287            | 50,395             | 7,911,806                    |
| 1949-50 .. ..             | 18,558     | 47,048  | 19,001  | 28,047               | 40,387            | 68,434             | 8,185,541                    |
| 1950-51 .. ..             | 19,211     | 48,114  | 19,896  | 28,218               | 33,244            | 61,462             | 8,431,390                    |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 18,896     | 49,228  | 20,661  | 28,567               | 25,720            | 54,287             | 8,648,539                    |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| <b>1949-50—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| March Qtr. ..             | 19,258     | 47,478  | 16,996  | 30,482               | 44,970            | 75,452             | 8,126,334                    |
| June .. ..                | 19,699     | 46,696  | 18,931  | 27,765               | 31,442            | 59,207             | 8,185,541                    |
| <b>1950-51—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September ..              | 16,636     | 48,433  | 23,668  | 24,765               | 31,278            | 56,043             | 8,241,584                    |
| December ..               | 20,006     | 47,984  | 18,592  | 29,392               | 44,815            | 74,207             | 8,315,791                    |
| March .. ..               | 20,387     | 48,012  | 17,239  | 30,773               | 33,633            | 64,406             | 8,380,197                    |
| June .. ..                | 19,814     | 48,025  | 20,083  | 27,942               | 23,251            | 51,193             | 8,431,390                    |
| <b>1951-52—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September ..              | 16,610     | 49,681  | 24,114  | 25,567               | 23,487            | 49,054             | 8,480,444                    |
| December ..               | 20,487     | 47,580  | 20,352  | 27,228               | 31,062            | 58,290             | 8,538,734                    |
| March .. ..               | 19,411     | 50,404  | 18,228  | 32,176               | 27,698            | 59,874             | 8,598,608                    |
| June .. ..                | 19,078     | 49,248  | 19,949  | 29,299               | 20,632            | 49,931             | 8,648,539                    |
| <b>1952-53—</b>           |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September ..              | 15,679     | 50,896  | 23,878  | 27,018               | 24,883            | 51,901             | 8,700,440                    |
| December ..               | 20,004     | 51,102  | 19,542  | 31,560               | 20,819            | 52,379             | 8,752,819                    |
| March .. ..               |            |         |         |                      | 8,632             |                    |                              |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.  
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947.  
 (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947.  
 (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

## POPULATION: STATES.

| Date.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>30th June—</b>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939 ..               | 2,748,393        | 1,878,480 | 1,018,007   | 596,563          | 470,044            | 237,419   | 6,281               | 12,567                        | 6,967,754  |
| 1946 ..               | 2,944,700        | 2,025,134 | 1,089,557   | 634,829          | 492,510            | 251,998   | 10,562              | 15,867                        | 7,465,157  |
| 1947 ..               | 2,984,838        | 2,054,701 | 1,106,415   | 646,073          | 502,480            | 257,078   | 10,868              | 16,905                        | 7,579,358  |
| 1948 ..               | 3,025,318        | 2,090,668 | 1,127,316   | 658,024          | 515,302            | 262,364   | 12,458              | (a)18,778                     | 7,710,228  |
| 1949 ..               | 3,113,659        | 2,139,124 | 1,150,771   | 673,069          | 532,667            | 269,383   | 13,800              | (a)19,333                     | 7,911,806  |
| 1950 ..               | 3,225,242        | 2,202,870 | 1,183,792   | 700,257          | 557,918            | 279,386   | 15,304              | (a)20,772                     | 8,185,541  |
| 1951 ..               | 3,317,182        | 2,269,291 | 1,211,239   | 720,040          | 581,486            | 290,838   | 16,422              | 24,892                        | 8,431,390  |
| 1952 ..               | 3,388,437        | 2,335,475 | 1,238,425   | 739,563          | 601,266            | 302,111   | 16,478              | 26,784                        | 8,648,539  |
| <b>31st December,</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1952 ..               | 3,421,768        | 2,356,823 | 1,247,890   | 751,535          | 614,483            | 315,955   | 15,884              | 28,481                        | 8,752,819  |

(a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,245; 1950, 23,867.

## OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period.                 | Temporary.            |            |                         |            | Permanent. |                                 |   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|
|                         | Australian Residents. |            | Visitors from Overseas. |            | Arrivals.  | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-). |
|                         | Arriving.             | Departing. | Arriving.               | Departing. |            |                                 |   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 1,910                 | 1,937      | 2,294                   | 2,297      | 1,148      | 953                             | + 195                                     |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 2,127                 | 2,060      | 2,617                   | 2,678      | 1,478      | 925                             | + 553                                     |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 2,145                 | 1,966      | 2,649                   | 2,742      | 2,081      | 1,055                           | + 1,026                                   |
| 1945-46(a) .. ..        | 353                   | 344        | 550                     | 663        | 1,063      | 1,772                           | - 709                                     |
| 1946-47(a) .. ..        | 793                   | 940        | 1,229                   | 1,430      | 1,918      | 2,107                           | - 189                                     |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 2,238                 | 1,981      | 1,729                   | 1,897      | 3,881      | 1,523                           | + 2,358                                   |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,008                 | 1,898      | 2,829                   | 2,566      | 9,568      | 1,511                           | + 8,057                                   |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,336                 | 2,500      | 3,470                   | 3,644      | 15,407     | 1,608                           | + 13,799                                  |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 2,812                 | 2,617      | 3,594                   | 3,753      | 12,774     | 1,729                           | + 11,045                                  |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 3,251                 | 3,233      | 3,895                   | 4,085      | 10,872     | 2,126                           | + 8,746                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| 1950-51—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| March .. ..             | 2,986                 | 3,655      | 4,698                   | 4,133      | 16,854     | 1,848                           | + 15,006                                  |
| April .. ..             | 2,386                 | 4,153      | 3,511                   | 4,125      | 11,264     | 2,061                           | + 9,203                                   |
| May .. ..               | 2,050                 | 3,444      | 3,769                   | 4,175      | 9,333      | 1,575                           | + 7,758                                   |
| June .. ..              | 1,784                 | 2,512      | 3,040                   | 3,464      | 13,112     | 1,489                           | + 11,623                                  |
| 1951-52—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,129                 | 2,606      | 2,928                   | 3,482      | 13,445     | 2,418                           | + 11,027                                  |
| August .. ..            | 3,111                 | 2,021      | 3,307                   | 3,306      | 5,602      | 1,907                           | + 3,695                                   |
| September .. ..         | 2,988                 | 1,927      | 3,191                   | 3,503      | 9,881      | 1,925                           | + 7,956                                   |
| October .. ..           | 4,137                 | 2,037      | 4,261                   | 3,491      | 10,109     | 1,797                           | + 8,312                                   |
| November .. ..          | 3,688                 | 2,440      | 3,363                   | 4,408      | 8,476      | 2,173                           | + 6,303                                   |
| December .. ..          | 4,274                 | 3,443      | 5,103                   | 3,709      | 12,597     | 1,448                           | + 11,149                                  |
| January .. ..           | 4,333                 | 3,359      | 4,502                   | 4,908      | 8,558      | 2,302                           | + 6,256                                   |
| February .. ..          | 3,249                 | 4,186      | 4,292                   | 4,409      | 9,996      | 2,139                           | + 7,857                                   |
| March .. ..             | 3,997                 | 4,655      | 4,682                   | 4,613      | 16,675     | 2,015                           | + 14,660                                  |
| April .. ..             | 2,452                 | 4,497      | 4,065                   | 4,366      | 10,949     | 2,353                           | + 8,596                                   |
| May .. ..               | 2,318                 | 4,703      | 3,950                   | 5,036      | 9,650      | 2,730                           | + 6,920                                   |
| June .. ..              | 2,331                 | 2,919      | 3,092                   | 3,786      | 14,524     | 2,309                           | + 12,215                                  |
| 1952-53—                |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,609                 | 2,938      | 3,537                   | 3,572      | 12,474     | 2,649                           | + 9,825                                   |
| August .. ..            | 2,824                 | 2,092      | 3,072                   | 3,843      | 9,537      | 2,682                           | + 6,855                                   |
| September .. ..         | 3,696                 | 2,561      | 3,604                   | 4,007      | 10,774     | 2,900                           | + 7,874                                   |
| October .. ..           | 4,161                 | 2,294      | 3,854                   | 3,818      | 6,781      | 2,820                           | + 3,961                                   |
| November .. ..          | 4,415                 | 2,253      | 3,775                   | 3,712      | 11,305     | 2,136                           | + 9,169                                   |
| December .. ..          | 3,932                 | 4,162      | 5,273                   | 4,748      | 6,601      | 3,335                           | + 3,266                                   |
| January .. ..           | 3,799                 | 3,589      | 3,907                   | 5,220      | 7,181      | 2,785                           | + 4,396                                   |
| February .. ..          | 3,306                 | 4,014      | 4,042                   | 3,742      | 6,015      | 2,559                           | + 3,456                                   |
| March .. ..             | 3,496                 | 5,836      | 4,885                   | 5,335      | 8,268      | 3,187                           | + 5,081                                   |

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

| Month.          | Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.) |                    |         | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|---------|---|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                 | Governmental Authorities.(b)  | Private Employers. | Total.  | Mining and Quarrying.                       | Factories.(c) | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services.(d) |
| MALES.          |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..    | 349.8   | 943.3              | 1,293.1 | 52.2  | 391.5         | 149.7                      | 185.9                        | 259.7         |                             | 133.6                                  |
| 1950—June ..    | 553.5   | 1,305.2            | 1,858.7 | 53.9  | 659.0         | 197.2                      | 292.8                        | 127.1         | 178.0                       | 171.2                                  |
| 1951—June ..    | 570.4   | 1,341.1            | 1,911.5 | 55.8  | 674.7         | 212.7                      | 294.7                        | 129.7         | 188.4                       | 171.7                                  |
| 1952—June ..    | 577.4   | 1,330.7            | 1,908.1 | 58.8  | 661.6         | 214.0                      | 299.9                        | 124.8         | 191.2                       | 173.2                                  |
| 1951—December.. | 562.5   | 1,353.4            | 1,915.9 | 56.1  | 674.1         | 210.9                      | 293.7                        | 132.2         | 193.5                       | 172.5                                  |
| 1952—January .. | 563.8   | 1,353.1            | 1,916.9 | 56.0  | 675.4         | 211.9                      | 295.7                        | 128.5         | 193.7                       | 172.8                                  |
| February ..     | 568.2   | 1,352.3            | 1,920.5 | 56.7  | 674.1         | 214.0                      | 296.9                        | 127.3         | 194.4                       | 173.7                                  |
| March ..        | 571.6   | 1,352.1            | 1,923.7 | 57.2  | 672.9         | 215.1                      | 298.8                        | 126.3         | 195.0                       | 174.5                                  |
| December..      | 563.5   | 1,300.4            | 1,863.9 | 59.5  | 644.0         | 191.8                      | 293.8                        | 126.5         | 189.8                       | 172.8                                  |
| 1953—January .. | 558.9   | 1,298.9            | 1,857.8 | 59.2  | 644.1         | 187.9                      | 293.9                        | 124.4         | 191.3                       | 172.7                                  |
| February ..     | 562.8   | 1,308.3            | 1,871.1 | 59.4  | 652.9         | 191.2                      | 294.6                        | 124.2         | 192.0                       | 173.4                                  |
| FEMALES.        |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..    | 55.2  | 381.9              | 437.1   | 0.3   | 148.2         | 1.2                        | 12.6                         | 114.9         |                             | 129.0                                  |
| 1950—June ..    | 107.6   | 580.6              | 688.2   | 0.7   | 223.8         | 3.3                        | 38.8                         | 113.3         | 64.8                        | 211.2                                  |
| 1951—June ..    | 113.8   | 605.0              | 718.8   | 0.8   | 234.4         | 3.8                        | 40.1                         | 119.1         | 71.3                        | 214.7                                  |
| 1952—June ..    | 115.2   | 564.2              | 679.4   | 0.9   | 199.2         | 4.2                        | 39.5                         | 112.6         | 72.9                        | 215.0                                  |
| 1951—December.. | 111.9   | 608.7              | 720.6   | 0.9   | 228.9         | 4.0                        | 39.9                         | 124.7         | 73.2                        | 215.3                                  |
| 1952—January .. | 112.8   | 598.0              | 710.8   | 0.9   | 223.4         | 4.1                        | 40.2                         | 119.0         | 74.2                        | 214.7                                  |
| February ..     | 114.9   | 592.4              | 707.3   | 0.9   | 219.9         | 4.2                        | 40.2                         | 116.5         | 74.6                        | 216.4                                  |
| March ..        | 115.4   | 588.4              | 703.8   | 0.9   | 216.5         | 4.2                        | 40.3                         | 115.3         | 75.0                        | 216.9                                  |
| December..      | 111.1   | 558.0              | 669.1   | 0.9   | 192.3         | 4.2                        | 36.9                         | 115.5         | 71.3                        | 213.3                                  |
| 1953—January .. | 110.2   | 554.0              | 664.2   | 0.9   | 193.7         | 4.1                        | 36.8                         | 110.4         | 72.1                        | 211.8                                  |
| February ..     | 112.0   | 560.0              | 672.0   | 0.9   | 199.7         | 4.2                        | 36.8                         | 109.9         | 72.3                        | 213.9                                  |
| PERSONS.        |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..    | 405.0   | 1,325.2            | 1,730.2 | 52.5  | 539.7         | 150.9                      | 198.5                        | 374.6         |                             | 262.6                                  |
| 1950—June ..    | 661.1   | 1,885.8            | 2,546.9 | 54.6  | 882.8         | 200.5                      | 331.6                        | 240.4         | 242.8                       | 382.4                                  |
| 1951—June ..    | 684.2   | 1,946.1            | 2,630.3 | 56.6  | 909.1         | 216.5                      | 334.8                        | 248.8         | 259.7                       | 386.4                                  |
| 1952—June ..    | 692.6   | 1,894.9            | 2,587.5 | 59.7  | 860.8         | 218.2                      | 339.4                        | 237.4         | 264.1                       | 388.2                                  |
| 1951—December.. | 674.4   | 1,962.1            | 2,636.5 | 57.0  | 903.0         | 214.9                      | 333.6                        | 256.9         | 266.7                       | 387.8                                  |
| 1952—January .. | 676.6   | 1,951.1            | 2,627.7 | 56.9  | 898.8         | 216.0                      | 335.9                        | 247.5         | 267.9                       | 387.5                                  |
| February ..     | 683.1   | 1,944.7            | 2,627.8 | 57.6  | 894.0         | 218.2                      | 337.1                        | 243.8         | 269.0                       | 390.1                                  |
| March ..        | 687.0   | 1,940.5            | 2,627.5 | 58.1  | 889.4         | 219.3                      | 339.1                        | 241.6         | 270.0                       | 391.4                                  |
| December..      | 674.6   | 1,858.4            | 2,533.0 | 60.4  | 836.3         | 196.0                      | 330.7                        | 242.0         | 261.1                       | 386.1                                  |
| 1953—January .. | 669.1   | 1,852.9            | 2,522.0 | 60.1  | 837.8         | 192.0                      | 330.7                        | 234.8         | 263.4                       | 384.5                                  |
| February ..     | 674.8   | 1,868.3            | 2,543.1 | 60.3  | 852.6         | 195.4                      | 331.4                        | 234.1         | 264.3                       | 387.3                                  |

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1950 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

| Month.           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES.           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..     | 529.9            | 357.5     | 172.8       | 106.7            | 82.9               | 37.4      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | 1,293.1    |
| 1950—June ..     | 740.8            | 510.7     | 250.4       | 165.7            | 120.5              | 58.4      | 4.5                 | 7.7                           | 1,858.7    |
| 1951—June ..     | 758.2            | 525.8     | 259.3       | 170.0            | 125.3              | 60.2      | 4.6                 | 8.1                           | 1,911.5    |
| 1952—June ..     | 754.4            | 524.4     | 258.1       | 171.5            | 126.0              | 61.0      | 4.4                 | 8.3                           | 1,908.1    |
| 1951—November .. | 765.0            | 524.3     | 260.1       | 169.9            | 126.6              | 60.9      | 4.5                 | 7.8                           | 1,919.1    |
| December ..      | 764.6            | 525.2     | 255.9       | 170.2            | 126.7              | 61.0      | 4.5                 | 7.8                           | 1,915.9    |
| 1952—January ..  | 762.8            | 528.4     | 254.3       | 171.2            | 127.0              | 61.1      | 4.3                 | 7.8                           | 1,916.9    |
| February ..      | 763.8            | 528.7     | 256.6       | 171.0            | 127.3              | 61.0      | 4.2                 | 7.9                           | 1,920.5    |
| March ..         | 764.0            | 530.3     | 256.3       | 171.9            | 127.7              | 61.2      | 4.3                 | 8.0                           | 1,923.7    |
| November ..      | 728.8            | 515.4     | 254.5       | 168.1            | 126.3              | 59.9      | 4.3                 | 8.4                           | 1,865.7    |
| December ..      | 727.1            | 516.8     | 251.8       | 168.0            | 126.7              | 60.6      | 4.4                 | 8.5                           | 1,863.9    |
| 1953—January ..  | 723.9            | 517.3     | 247.6       | 167.2            | 127.6              | 61.2      | 4.4                 | 8.6                           | 1,857.8    |
| February ..      | 728.6            | 519.8     | 250.5       | 168.7            | 128.7              | 61.8      | 4.4                 | 8.6                           | 1,871.1    |
| FEMALES.         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..     | 168.0            | 142.9     | 53.2        | 34.0             | 26.2               | 11.6      | 0.2                 | 1.0                           | 437.1      |
| 1950—June ..     | 278.5            | 210.0     | 83.1        | 54.3             | 39.9               | 19.4      | 0.9                 | 2.1                           | 688.2      |
| 1951—June ..     | 290.9            | 219.6     | 86.1        | 57.0             | 41.6               | 20.3      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 718.8      |
| 1952—June ..     | 270.5            | 206.6     | 83.8        | 54.9             | 40.5               | 19.8      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 679.4      |
| 1951—November .. | 295.2            | 220.2     | 87.0        | 57.1             | 41.5               | 19.8      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 724.0      |
| December ..      | 293.4            | 218.4     | 86.6        | 57.2             | 41.7               | 20.1      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 720.6      |
| 1952—January ..  | 287.2            | 216.7     | 85.6        | 57.3             | 40.6               | 20.2      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 710.8      |
| February ..      | 285.1            | 215.9     | 84.9        | 56.6             | 41.3               | 20.2      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 707.3      |
| March ..         | 282.5            | 215.4     | 84.5        | 56.7             | 41.4               | 20.1      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 703.8      |
| November ..      | 264.0            | 203.5     | 83.6        | 52.8             | 40.6               | 19.2      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 666.9      |
| December ..      | 264.5            | 203.6     | 84.1        | 53.4             | 40.7               | 19.5      | 0.9                 | 2.4                           | 669.1      |
| 1953—January ..  | 262.3            | 202.4     | 83.6        | 53.3             | 39.8               | 19.5      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 644.2      |
| February ..      | 265.2            | 205.3     | 83.9        | 53.7             | 40.8               | 19.8      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 672.0      |
| PERSONS.         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..     | 697.9            | 500.4     | 226.0       | 140.7            | 109.1              | 49.0      | 2.3                 | 4.8                           | 1,730.2    |
| 1950—June ..     | 1,019.3          | 720.7     | 333.5       | 220.0            | 160.4              | 77.8      | 5.4                 | 9.8                           | 2,546.9    |
| 1951—June ..     | 1,049.1          | 745.4     | 345.4       | 227.0            | 166.9              | 80.5      | 5.4                 | 10.6                          | 2,630.3    |
| 1952—June ..     | 1,024.9          | 731.0     | 341.9       | 226.4            | 166.5              | 80.8      | 5.2                 | 10.8                          | 2,587.5    |
| 1951—November .. | 1,060.2          | 744.5     | 347.1       | 227.0            | 168.1              | 80.7      | 5.3                 | 10.2                          | 2,643.1    |
| December ..      | 1,058.0          | 743.6     | 342.5       | 227.4            | 168.4              | 81.1      | 5.3                 | 10.2                          | 2,636.5    |
| 1952—January ..  | 1,050.0          | 745.1     | 339.9       | 228.5            | 167.6              | 81.3      | 5.1                 | 10.2                          | 2,627.7    |
| February ..      | 1,048.9          | 744.6     | 341.5       | 227.6            | 168.6              | 81.2      | 5.0                 | 10.4                          | 2,627.8    |
| March ..         | 1,046.5          | 745.7     | 340.8       | 228.6            | 169.1              | 81.3      | 5.1                 | 10.4                          | 2,627.5    |
| November ..      | 992.8            | 718.9     | 338.1       | 220.9            | 166.9              | 79.1      | 5.1                 | 10.8                          | 2,532.6    |
| December ..      | 991.6            | 720.4     | 335.9       | 221.4            | 167.4              | 80.1      | 5.3                 | 10.9                          | 2,533.0    |
| 1953—January ..  | 986.2            | 719.7     | 331.2       | 220.5            | 167.4              | 80.7      | 5.2                 | 11.1                          | 2,522.0    |
| February ..      | 993.8            | 725.1     | 334.4       | 222.4            | 169.5              | 81.6      | 5.2                 | 11.1                          | 2,543.1    |

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

| Period.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |          |          |   |                                       |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.     | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. |                                       |
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          | Un-adjusted.                                | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> | '000.            | '000.     | '000.       | '000.            | '000.              | '000.     | '000.      | '000.    | '000.    |   |                                       |
| 1936-37 ..              | 197.8            | 183.0     | 45.9        | 39.3             | 21.4               | 11.8      | 359.6      | 139.6    | 499.2    | 950   | 959                                   |
| 1937-38 ..              | 215.6            | 193.6     | 49.6        | 42.6             | 22.0               | 12.5      | 387.7      | 148.2    | 535.9    | 1,019                                       | 1,019                                 |
| 1938-39 ..              | 219.5            | 193.9     | 51.5        | 42.0             | 22.1               | 13.2      | 391.8      | 150.4    | 542.2    | 1,031                                       | 1,022                                 |
| 1945-46 ..              | 300.9            | 245.9     | 63.0        | 60.9             | 29.1               | 18.4      | 524.8      | 193.4    | 718.2    | 1,366                                       | 1,264                                 |
| 1946-47 ..              | 331.3            | 256.1     | 68.6        | 68.2             | 32.2               | 19.2      | 578.2      | 197.4    | 775.6    | 1,475                                       | 1,347                                 |
| 1947-48 ..              | 349.8            | 268.1     | 73.0        | 71.1             | 34.0               | 20.3      | 611.5      | 204.8    | 816.3    | 1,553                                       | 1,397                                 |
| 1948-49 p ..            | 358.8            | 274.9     | 76.8        | 73.4             | 35.2               | 21.2      | 628.0      | 212.3    | 840.3    | 1,598                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1949-50 p ..            | 358.8            | 281.5     | 79.6        | 75.7             | 36.6               | 21.9      | 636.9      | 217.2    | 854.1    | 1,624                                       | 1,386                                 |
| 1950-51 p ..            | 379.0            | 290.4     | 83.2        | 80.8             | 38.6               | 22.2      | 664.8      | 229.4    | 894.2    | 1,701                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1951-52 p ..            | 377.9            | 292.2     | 83.1        | 81.3             | 38.8               | 22.0      | 672.3      | 223.0    | 895.3    | 1,703                                       | 1,369                                 |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| 1950-51 p—              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| March ..                | 379.1            | 293.8     | 83.4        | 81.8             | 39.1               | 22.6      | 667.6      | 232.2    | 899.8    | 1,711                                       | 1,407                                 |
| April ..                | 381.7            | 295.3     | 84.2        | 81.6             | 39.1               | 22.8      | 671.1      | 233.6    | 904.7    | 1,721                                       | 1,412                                 |
| May ..                  | 383.5            | 295.3     | 85.4        | 81.6             | 39.4               | 23.1      | 674.0      | 234.3    | 908.3    | 1,728                                       | 1,413                                 |
| June ..                 | 384.4            | 295.6     | 85.3        | 81.7             | 39.5               | 22.6      | 674.7      | 234.4    | 909.1    | 1,729                                       | 1,410                                 |
| 1951-52 p—              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..                 | 384.8            | 295.5     | 86.2        | 81.7             | 39.5               | 22.2      | 675.3      | 234.6    | 909.9    | 1,731                                       | 1,408                                 |
| August ..               | 385.4            | 295.2     | 87.4        | 81.6             | 39.5               | 21.4      | 675.3      | 235.2    | 910.5    | 1,732                                       | 1,405                                 |
| September ..            | 385.2            | 295.6     | 86.8        | 81.4             | 39.0               | 21.5      | 674.0      | 235.5    | 909.5    | 1,730                                       | 1,400                                 |
| October ..              | 386.0            | 297.5     | 86.0        | 81.8             | 39.3               | 21.3      | 676.0      | 235.9    | 911.9    | 1,734                                       | 1,399                                 |
| November ..             | 386.9            | 297.3     | 85.3        | 81.9             | 39.4               | 21.5      | 678.8      | 233.5    | 912.3    | 1,735                                       | 1,399                                 |
| December ..             | 383.9            | 294.9     | 81.2        | 81.9             | 39.1               | 22.0      | 674.1      | 228.9    | 903.0    | 1,718                                       | 1,383                                 |
| January ..              | 380.2            | 294.5     | 80.3        | 82.3             | 39.0               | 22.5      | 675.4      | 223.4    | 898.8    | 1,710                                       | 1,374                                 |
| February ..             | 378.1            | 292.4     | 80.9        | 81.5             | 38.9               | 22.2      | 674.1      | 219.9    | 894.0    | 1,700                                       | 1,363                                 |
| March ..                | 375.2            | 291.7     | 79.7        | 81.7             | 38.9               | 22.2      | 672.9      | 216.5    | 889.4    | 1,692                                       | 1,354                                 |
| April ..                | 367.7            | 286.9     | 79.9        | 81.2             | 38.3               | 22.5      | 667.8      | 208.7    | 876.5    | 1,667                                       | 1,330                                 |
| May ..                  | 361.9            | 284.1     | 81.7        | 79.9             | 38.0               | 22.3      | 663.3      | 204.6    | 867.9    | 1,651                                       | 1,316                                 |
| June ..                 | 358.9            | 280.9     | 82.1        | 79.3             | 37.6               | 22.0      | 661.6      | 199.2    | 860.8    | 1,637                                       | 1,301                                 |
| 1952-53 p—              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..                 | 354.1            | 277.9     | 82.3        | 78.4             | 37.4               | 21.4      | 655.3      | 196.2    | 851.5    | 1,619                                       | 1,284                                 |
| August ..               | 350.3            | 274.5     | 82.7        | 77.1             | 38.0               | 20.8      | 650.0      | 193.4    | 843.4    | 1,604                                       | 1,269                                 |
| September ..            | 346.8            | 273.6     | 82.3        | 76.2             | 37.8               | 20.6      | 645.0      | 192.3    | 837.3    | 1,593                                       | 1,258                                 |
| October ..              | 347.0            | 275.3     | 82.7        | 76.0             | 38.1               | 20.6      | 646.1      | 193.6    | 839.7    | 1,597                                       | 1,258                                 |
| November ..             | 347.4            | 274.8     | 82.6        | 75.8             | 38.2               | 20.7      | 645.5      | 194.0    | 839.5    | 1,597                                       | 1,256                                 |
| December ..             | 345.5            | 274.5     | 80.5        | 76.4             | 38.2               | 21.2      | 644.0      | 192.3    | 836.3    | 1,591                                       | 1,249                                 |
| January ..              | 346.6            | 276.2     | 78.7        | 76.1             | 38.4               | 21.8      | 644.1      | 193.7    | 837.8    | 1,593                                       | 1,247                                 |
| February ..             | 351.6            | 281.5     | 80.9        | 77.8             | 38.9               | 21.9      | 652.9      | 199.7    | 852.6    | 1,622                                       | 1,268                                 |

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

| Period.                 | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) |          |          |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|
|                         |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.        | Females. | Persons. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| 1945-46.. ..            | 74.1             | 53.1      | 24.0        | 17.6             | 13.4               | 5.9       | 99.2          | 89.2     | 188.4    |
| 1946-47.. ..            | 85.1             | 60.5      | 27.8        | 20.4             | 15.2               | 6.5       | 112.4         | 103.4    | 215.8    |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 91.0             | 63.4      | 29.2        | 21.8             | 16.3               | 6.7       | 121.2         | 107.6    | 228.8    |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 93.9             | 65.7      | 29.9        | 22.6             | 17.1               | 6.9       | 125.5         | 111.2    | 236.7    |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 93.4             | 66.8      | 30.2        | 23.1             | 17.6               | 7.0       | 126.7         | 112.0    | 238.7    |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 97.2             | 68.8      | 31.1        | 23.9             | 18.2               | 7.3       | 129.3         | 117.8    | 247.1    |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 95.9             | 68.6      | 31.3        | 23.6             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.0         | 117.7    | 245.7    |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| 1950-51—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| March .. ..             | 96.6             | 69.2      | 31.2        | 23.9             | 18.5               | 7.3       | 129.2         | 118.1    | 247.3    |
| April .. ..             | 96.7             | 69.4      | 31.2        | 23.9             | 18.6               | 7.3       | 129.4         | 118.4    | 247.8    |
| May .. ..               | 96.8             | 69.7      | 31.4        | 24.1             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 129.6         | 118.8    | 248.4    |
| June .. ..              | 96.9             | 69.6      | 31.6        | 24.2             | 18.5               | 7.4       | 129.7         | 119.1    | 248.8    |
| 1951-52—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 96.8             | 69.7      | 31.7        | 23.9             | 18.5               | 7.4       | 129.5         | 119.1    | 248.6    |
| August .. ..            | 96.9             | 69.5      | 31.7        | 24.0             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 129.2         | 119.1    | 248.3    |
| September ..            | 96.1             | 69.2      | 31.6        | 23.9             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.7         | 118.5    | 247.2    |
| October .. ..           | 96.7             | 68.7      | 31.6        | 24.1             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.5         | 118.8    | 247.3    |
| November ..             | 99.1             | 70.1      | 32.0        | 24.1             | 18.6               | 7.4       | 130.0         | 122.0    | 252.0    |
| December ..             | 101.9            | 70.8      | 32.6        | 24.2             | 19.1               | 7.6       | 132.2         | 124.7    | 256.9    |
| January .. ..           | 96.5             | 69.0      | 31.5        | 24.0             | 18.5               | 7.4       | 128.5         | 119.0    | 247.5    |
| February ..             | 95.1             | 68.1      | 31.1        | 23.4             | 18.5               | 7.2       | 127.3         | 116.5    | 243.8    |
| March .. ..             | 94.1             | 67.7      | 30.4        | 23.1             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 126.3         | 115.3    | 241.6    |
| April .. ..             | 92.8             | 66.9      | 30.4        | 23.0             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 125.5         | 113.8    | 239.3    |
| May .. ..               | 92.7             | 66.7      | 30.4        | 23.1             | 18.2               | 7.2       | 125.3         | 113.6    | 238.9    |
| June .. ..              | 91.8             | 66.7      | 30.3        | 22.9             | 17.9               | 7.1       | 124.8         | 112.6    | 237.4    |
| 1952-53—                |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |
| July .. ..              | 90.7             | 66.3      | 30.2        | 22.7             | 17.8               | 7.2       | 124.0         | 111.5    | 235.5    |
| August .. ..            | 89.7             | 65.5      | 29.8        | 22.6             | 17.7               | 7.1       | 123.4         | 109.7    | 233.1    |
| September ..            | 89.0             | 64.9      | 29.8        | 22.5             | 17.8               | 7.1       | 122.7         | 109.1    | 231.8    |
| October .. ..           | 88.9             | 65.3      | 29.7        | 22.5             | 17.8               | 7.1       | 122.8         | 109.2    | 232.0    |
| November ..             | 90.3             | 66.2      | 30.1        | 22.5             | 18.0               | 7.2       | 124.0         | 111.0    | 235.0    |
| December ..             | 93.6             | 68.1      | 30.8        | 22.7             | 18.6               | 7.5       | 126.5         | 115.5    | 242.0    |
| January .. ..           | 90.2             | 66.1      | 30.2        | 22.2             | 18.1               | 7.4       | 124.4         | 110.4    | 234.8    |
| February ..             | 89.8             | 66.1      | 30.0        | 22.2             | 18.1               | 7.2       | 124.2         | 109.9    | 234.1    |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.



# AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period.                                  |      |    | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--|------|----|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). |      |    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1945-46                                  | ..   | .. | 4,966               | 3,378     | 1,563       | 947                 | 689                | 344       | 11,887     |
| 1946-47                                  | ..   | .. | 5,838               | 3,958     | 1,770       | 1,150               | 827                | 409       | 13,952     |
| 1947-48                                  | ..   | .. | 6,976               | 4,719     | 2,069       | 1,369               | 954                | 492       | 16,579     |
| 1948-49                                  | ..   | .. | 8,133               | 5,540     | 2,503       | 1,644               | 1,120              | 580       | 19,520     |
| 1949-50                                  | ..   | .. | 9,018               | 6,370     | 2,838       | 1,894               | 1,315              | 672       | 22,107     |
| 1950-51                                  | ..   | .. | 11,385              | 7,916     | 3,501       | 2,389               | 1,639              | 817       | 27,647     |
| 1951-52                                  | ..   | .. | 14,364              | 9,816     | 4,319       | 3,018               | 2,108              | 1,059     | 34,684     |
| 1950-51—                                 |      |    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| March                                    | Qtr. | .. | 11,413              | 7,893     | 3,443       | 2,449               | 1,641              | 843       | 27,682     |
| June                                     | "    | .. | 12,869              | 9,010     | 3,907       | 2,701               | 1,846              | 939       | 31,272     |
| 1951-52—                                 |      |    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September                                | "    | .. | 13,387              | 9,292     | 4,099       | 2,808               | 1,987              | 950       | 32,523     |
| December                                 | "    | .. | 14,988              | 10,122    | 4,439       | 3,054               | 2,110              | 1,046     | 35,759     |
| March                                    | "    | .. | 14,083              | 9,537     | 4,143       | 3,005               | 2,073              | 1,079     | 33,920     |
| June                                     | "    | .. | 14,998              | 10,315    | 4,594       | 3,205               | 2,265              | 1,160     | 36,537     |
| 1952-53—                                 |      |    |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September                                | "    | .. | 14,934              | 10,181    | 4,661       | 3,243               | 2,281              | 1,107     | 36,407     |
| December                                 | "    | .. | 15,729              | 11,017    | 5,003       | 3,454               | 2,394              | 1,174     | 38,771     |

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)

|           |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------|------|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1945-46   | ..   | .. | 6.57  | 6.59  | 5.95  | 5.89  | 6.04  | 5.67  | 6.37  |
| 1946-47   | ..   | .. | 6.81  | 6.86  | 6.00  | 6.19  | 6.18  | 5.94  | 6.59  |
| 1947-48   | ..   | .. | 7.73  | 7.80  | 6.58  | 7.02  | 6.87  | 6.72  | 7.44  |
| 1948-49   | ..   | .. | 8.73  | 8.84  | 7.63  | 8.03  | 7.75  | 7.56  | 8.44  |
| 1949-50   | ..   | .. | 9.50  | 9.78  | 8.34  | 8.83  | 8.65  | 8.49  | 9.26  |
| 1950-51   | ..   | .. | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82  | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99  | 11.09 |
| 1951-52   | ..   | .. | 14.24 | 14.20 | 11.93 | 13.13 | 12.80 | 12.59 | 13.65 |
| 1950-51—  |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| March     | Qtr. | .. | 11.41 | 11.51 | 9.65  | 10.76 | 10.14 | 10.17 | 11.01 |
| June      | "    | .. | 12.78 | 13.05 | 10.75 | 11.81 | 11.31 | 11.19 | 12.34 |
| 1951-52—  |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September | "    | .. | 13.26 | 13.45 | 11.18 | 12.26 | 12.14 | 11.42 | 12.79 |
| December  | "    | .. | 14.75 | 14.65 | 12.21 | 13.31 | 12.83 | 12.47 | 14.04 |
| March     | "    | .. | 13.94 | 13.73 | 11.58 | 13.03 | 12.56 | 12.75 | 13.34 |
| June      | "    | .. | 15.02 | 14.99 | 12.76 | 13.90 | 13.68 | 13.69 | 14.46 |
| 1952-53—  |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September | "    | .. | 15.23 | 15.06 | 12.96 | 14.26 | 13.93 | 13.35 | 14.62 |
| December  | "    | .. | 16.24 | 16.30 | 13.99 | 15.30 | 14.55 | 14.13 | 15.66 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1952*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

## NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

| Period.                 | Unemployment.       |           |             |                     |                    |           |            | Sickness.     | Special.(b)   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|
|                         | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | Australia.(e) | Australia.(e) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| 1946-47..               | 1,815               | 1,697     | 4,610       | 206                 | 1,032              | 78        | 9,438      | 8,083         | 288           |
| 1947-48..               | 637                 | 140       | 2,640       | 49                  | 390                | 32        | 3,888      | 8,538         | 517           |
| 1948-49..               | 282                 | 32        | 1,094       | 15                  | 121                | 31        | 1,575      | 7,614         | 591           |
| 1949-50..               | 8,327               | 123       | 1,371       | 241                 | 155                | 30        | 10,247     | 7,585         | 897           |
| 1950-51..               | 287                 | 71        | 326         | 6                   | 59                 | 14        | 763        | 7,059         | 863           |
| 1951-52..               | 949                 | 220       | 1,374       | 24                  | 64                 | 16        | 2,647      | 6,454         | 993           |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| 1950-51—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| April ..                | 266                 | 48        | 291         | 4                   | 53                 | 8         | 670        | 6,540         | 800           |
| May(e) ..               | 261                 | 45        | 309         | 3                   | 46                 | 7         | 671        | 6,960         | 850           |
| June ..                 | 246                 | 32        | 263         | 3                   | 50                 | 10        | 604        | 7,044         | 921           |
| 1951-52—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| July ..                 | 233                 | 198       | 137         | 5                   | 49                 | 8         | 630        | 7,145         | 940           |
| August ..               | 121                 | 45        | 138         | 9                   | 45                 | 9         | 367        | 7,273         | 950           |
| September ..            | 102                 | 206       | 148         | 4                   | 38                 | 7         | 505        | 7,006         | 955           |
| October ..              | 118                 | 24        | 210         | 6                   | 31                 | 3         | 392        | 7,066         | 962           |
| November ..             | 152                 | 51        | 483         | 4                   | 26                 | 3         | 719        | 6,318         | 963           |
| December ..             | 336                 | 126       | 1,551       | 4                   | 47                 | 3         | 2,067      | 5,562         | 858           |
| January ..              | 336                 | 53        | 2,190       | 3                   | 48                 | 5         | 2,635      | 5,942         | 981           |
| February ..             | 460                 | 40        | 2,293       | 4                   | 50                 | 5         | 2,852      | 6,131         | 997           |
| March ..                | 858                 | 111       | 2,742       | 23                  | 55                 | 7         | 3,796      | 6,408         | 1,047         |
| April ..                | 1,370               | 279       | 2,530       | 18                  | 55                 | 9         | 4,261      | 5,977         | 1,063         |
| May ..                  | 2,687               | 379       | 2,016       | 57                  | 82                 | 24        | 5,245      | 6,241         | 1,055         |
| June ..                 | 4,613               | 1,133     | 2,055       | 153                 | 236                | 104       | 8,294      | 6,378         | 1,148         |
| 1952-53—                |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| July ..                 | 7,300               | 2,947     | 2,188       | 448                 | 618                | 179       | 13,680     | 6,387         | 1,172         |
| August ..               | 13,661              | 6,454     | 2,631       | 878                 | 954                | 299       | 24,877     | 6,556         | 1,153         |
| September ..            | 15,982              | 7,058     | 2,716       | 954                 | 790                | 306       | 27,806     | 6,830         | 1,170         |
| October(f) ..           | 19,004              | 7,042     | 3,200       | 1,062               | 875                | 367       | 31,550     | 6,661         | 1,458         |
| November ..             | 20,839              | 7,685     | 3,289       | 1,080               | 921                | 316       | 34,130     | 7,137         | 1,368         |
| December ..             | 25,118              | 7,817     | 4,452       | 1,209               | 1,233              | 257       | 40,086     | 6,382         | 1,289         |
| January ..              | 23,653              | 8,416     | 7,034       | 1,205               | 1,136              | 189       | 41,633     | 7,077         | 1,399         |
| February ..             | 20,867              | 5,158     | 7,002       | 730                 | 816                | 188       | 34,761     | 7,436         | 1,375         |
| March ..                | 17,802              | 4,422     | 5,882       | 644                 | 701                | 223       | 29,674     | 7,860         | 1,284         |

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month. (f) From October, 1952, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.                 | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. |          |          | Amount Paid in Benefits. |           |           |           |         |
|-------------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|                         | Males.                                   | Females. | Persons. | Unem-<br>ployment.       | Sickness. | Special—  |           | Total   |
|                         |  |          |          |                          |           | Migrants. | Ordinary. |         |
|                         |  |          |          | £                        | £         | £         | £         | £       |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| 1946-47.. ..            | 6,115                                    | 433      | 6,548    | 75,902                   | 59,280    | ..        | 2,328     | 137,510 |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 2,273                                    | 116      | 2,389    | 30,802                   | 65,944    | 1,319     | 3,391     | 101,456 |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 955                                      | 56       | 1,011    | 11,570                   | 66,319    | 7,088     | 4,225     | 89,202  |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 10,854                                   | 2,571    | 13,425   | 105,506                  | 68,001    | 35,361    |           | 208,868 |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 881                                      | 111      | 992      | 5,204                    | 62,143    | 13,520    | 5,568     | 86,435  |
| 1951-52.. ..            | 1,771                                    | 520      | 2,291    | 15,584                   | 59,157    | 6,911     | 2,319     | 83,971  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| 1950-51—                |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| April .. ..             | 1,063                                    | 89       | 1,152    | 7,689                    | 61,701    | 4,368     | 5,120     | 78,878  |
| May .. ..               | 475                                      | 101      | 576      | 5,927                    | 58,965    | 7,441     | 5,652     | 77,985  |
| June .. ..              | 695                                      | 112      | 807      | 105                      | 51,524    | 7,797     | 5,708     | 65,134  |
| 1951-52—                |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| July .. ..              | 870                                      | 109      | 979      | 4,024                    | 50,463    | 853       | 5,678     | 61,018  |
| August .. ..            | 475                                      | 73       | 548      | 3,931                    | 68,164    | 667       | 6,430     | 79,192  |
| September .. ..         | 407                                      | 85       | 492      | 2,518                    | 62,451    | 4,509     | 6,689     | 76,167  |
| October .. ..           | 468                                      | 76       | 544      | 3,409                    | 73,246    | 876       | 7,670     | 85,201  |
| November .. ..          | 706                                      | 121      | 827      | 4,085                    | 59,058    | 384       | 6,201     | 69,728  |
| December .. ..          | 1,934                                    | 241      | 2,175    | 7,920                    | 54,718    | 1,082     | 5,951     | 69,671  |
| January .. ..           | 1,940                                    | 241      | 2,181    | 16,964                   | 61,154    | 2,949     | 7,494     | 88,561  |
| February .. ..          | 1,605                                    | 448      | 2,053    | 24,057                   | 58,020    | 3,175     | 7,130     | 92,382  |
| March .. ..             | 2,442                                    | 947      | 3,389    | 22,279                   | 51,699    | 1,401     | 6,608     | 81,987  |
| April .. ..             | 2,251                                    | 954      | 3,205    | 26,442                   | 53,215    | 1,741     | 7,297     | 88,695  |
| May .. ..               | 3,085                                    | 1,440    | 4,525    | 29,037                   | 55,993    | 4,712     | 6,517     | 96,259  |
| June .. ..              | 5,068                                    | 1,500    | 6,568    | 42,345                   | 61,706    | 5,480     | 9,265     | 118,796 |
| 1952-53—                |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| July .. ..              | 9,037                                    | 2,049    | 11,086   | 62,782                   | 52,981    | 15,648    | 8,391     | 139,802 |
| August .. ..            | 18,387                                   | 3,257    | 21,644   | 108,369                  | 59,372    | 9,963     | 9,420     | 187,124 |
| September .. ..         | 13,491                                   | 1,914    | 15,405   | 165,905                  | 64,754    | 10,213    | 6,007     | 246,879 |
| October .. ..           | 14,502                                   | 1,839    | 16,341   | 322,697                  | 102,636   | 15,193    | 10,095    | 450,621 |
| November .. ..          | 17,071                                   | 2,158    | 19,229   | 418,642                  | 125,295   | 3,649     | 21,388    | 568,974 |
| December .. ..          | 12,611                                   | 1,572    | 14,183   | 466,964                  | 125,610   | 4,358     | 19,753    | 616,685 |
| January .. ..           | 19,276                                   | 1,651    | 20,927   | 554,904                  | 145,911   | 10,905    | 22,529    | 734,249 |
| February .. ..          | 11,509                                   | 1,513    | 13,022   | 619,691                  | 145,556   | 9,706     | 17,999    | 792,952 |
| March .. ..             | 8,525                                    | 1,249    | 9,774    |                          |           |           |           |         |



## TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per cent.)

| Period.     |    |    | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|-------------|----|----|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1936-37     | .. | .. | 12.8             | 10.1      | 7.4         | 9.4              | 6.0                | 8.4       | 10.6       |
| 1937-38     | .. | .. | 10.0             | 8.2       | 6.9         | 7.3              | 5.4                | 6.8       | 8.5        |
| 1938-39     | .. | .. | 10.3             | 10.0      | 6.0         | 9.4              | 6.5                | 8.9       | 9.3        |
| 1945-46     | .. | .. | 1.5              | 1.1       | 0.9         | 1.4              | 1.5                | 1.5       | 1.3        |
| 1946-47     | .. | .. | 1.5              | 1.3       | 0.9         | 1.1              | 1.4                | 2.3       | 1.4        |
| 1947-48     | .. | .. | 1.0              | 0.9       | 0.6         | 0.9              | 1.1                | 1.5       | 1.0        |
| 1948-49     | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.8       | 0.4         | 1.0              | 0.8                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| 1949-50 (a) | .. | .. | 3.3              | 0.7       | 0.9         | 2.2              | 1.1                | 0.7       | 2.0        |
| 1950-51     | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.7       | 0.5         | 0.9              | 0.8                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| 1951-52 p   | .. | .. | 1.3              | 1.0       | 0.9         | 1.1              | 0.9                | 1.7       | 1.2        |
| 1949-50—    |    |    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| February    | .. | .. | 1.1              | 0.7       | 0.3         | 0.7              | 1.0                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| May         | .. | .. | 1.0              | 0.5       | 0.3         | 0.7              | 1.5                | 0.8       | 0.8        |
| 1950-51—    |    |    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August      | .. | .. | 1.1              | 0.7       | 0.5         | 1.1              | 0.8                | 0.5       | 0.8        |
| November    | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.7       | 0.3         | 0.9              | 0.9                | 0.4       | 0.7        |
| February    | .. | .. | 0.8              | 0.6       | 0.2         | 0.7              | 0.7                | 0.6       | 0.7        |
| May         | .. | .. | 0.9              | 0.6       | 0.8         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 1.0       | 0.8        |
| 1951-52—    |    |    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August      | .. | .. | 0.6              | 0.5       | 0.2         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 1.2       | 0.6        |
| November    | .. | .. | 0.7              | 0.7       | 0.4         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 0.9       | 0.7        |
| February p  | .. | .. | 1.2              | 1.0       | 1.1         | 0.9              | 0.5                | 1.1       | 1.1        |
| May p       | .. | .. | 2.8              | 1.6       | 1.8         | 2.0              | 1.6                | 3.4       | 2.2        |
| 1952-53—    |    |    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August p    | .. | .. | 4.2              | 4.9       | 2.5         | 3.8              | 2.4                | 5.2       | 4.0        |
| November p  | .. | .. | 4.8              | 4.8       | 1.8         | 3.2              | 1.5                | 5.2       | 4.1        |

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—Fuller particulars are shown in the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.

### INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM AUGUST, 1952 TO NOVEMBER, 1952.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 4.3% to 6.3%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 2.6% to 1.8%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 6.3% to 6.2%; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 3.9% to 1.9%; V. Books, printing, &c., 1.7% to 1.3%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 10.4% to 12.9%; VII. Building, 3.8% to 5.8%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 2.9% to 3.1%; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 5.7% to 6.7%; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 3.3% to 2.6%; All groups—4.0% to 4.1%.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period.          | Producers' Materials for use in— |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      | Fuels and Lubricants. |      | Auxiliary Aids to Production. |     | Munitions and War Stores. |      |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|----------------|------|----------|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------|
|                  | Building and Construction.       |     | Rural Industries. |     | Manufacturing. |      | Total.   |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
|                  | Class Ia.                        |     | Class Ib.         |     | Class Ic.      |      | Class I. |      | Class II.             |      | Class III.                    |     | Class VII.                |      |
|                  |                                  | %   |                   | %   |                | %    |          | %    |                       | %    |                               | %   |                           | %    |
| Monthly Average— |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| 1936-37 ..       | 347                              | 4.0 | 143               | 1.7 | 3,435          | 39.9 | 3,925    | 45.6 | 621                   | 7.2  | 408                           | 4.7 | 31                        | 0.4  |
| 1937-38 ..       | 472                              | 4.4 | 155               | 1.5 | 4,285          | 40.2 | 4,912    | 46.1 | 784                   | 7.4  | 470                           | 4.4 | 36                        | 0.4  |
| 1938-39 ..       | 385                              | 4.1 | 171               | 1.8 | 3,599          | 38.2 | 4,155    | 44.1 | 736                   | 7.8  | 469                           | 4.9 | 88                        | 0.9  |
| 1945-46 ..       | 258                              | 1.8 | 348               | 2.4 | 5,438          | 36.8 | 6,044    | 41.0 | 1,665                 | 11.3 | 629                           | 4.3 | 2,539                     | 17.2 |
| 1946-47 ..       | 405                              | 2.3 | 316               | 1.8 | 7,595          | 43.8 | 8,316    | 47.9 | 1,527                 | 8.8  | 1,129                         | 6.5 | 428                       | 2.5  |
| 1947-48 ..       | 727                              | 2.6 | 289               | 1.0 | 12,362         | 43.9 | 13,378   | 47.5 | 2,379                 | 8.4  | 2,059                         | 7.3 | 129                       | 0.5  |
| 1948-49 ..       | 1,194                            | 3.5 | 318               | 0.9 | 13,545         | 39.2 | 15,057   | 43.6 | 3,037                 | 8.8  | 2,212                         | 6.4 | 257                       | 0.7  |
| 1949-50 ..       | 2,026                            | 4.5 | 431               | 1.0 | 14,438         | 32.3 | 16,895   | 37.8 | 3,852                 | 8.6  | 2,390                         | 5.4 | 129                       | 0.3  |
| 1950-51 ..       | 3,416                            | 5.5 | 416               | 0.7 | 23,479         | 38.0 | 27,311   | 44.2 | 5,029                 | 8.1  | 2,829                         | 4.6 | 94                        | 0.2  |
| 1951-52 ..       | 4,898                            | 5.6 | 518               | 0.6 | 34,630         | 39.6 | 40,046   | 45.8 | 5,902                 | 6.7  | 5,236                         | 6.0 | 1,132                     | 1.3  |
| Monthly Total—   |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| 1950-51—         |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| March ..         | 3,546                            | 6.0 | 164               | 0.3 | 22,662         | 38.8 | 26,372   | 45.1 | 3,797                 | 6.5  | 2,371                         | 4.1 | 36                        | 0.1  |
| April ..         | 4,113                            | 6.1 | 363               | 0.5 | 27,296         | 40.1 | 31,772   | 46.7 | 5,935                 | 8.7  | 3,325                         | 4.9 | 170                       | 0.3  |
| May ..           | 3,581                            | 4.7 | 280               | 0.4 | 33,452         | 44.0 | 37,313   | 49.1 | 5,919                 | 7.8  | 3,584                         | 4.7 | 102                       | 0.1  |
| June ..          | 4,380                            | 5.8 | 398               | 0.5 | 32,291         | 42.6 | 37,069   | 48.9 | 5,878                 | 7.8  | 2,728                         | 3.6 | 255                       | 0.3  |
| 1951-52 —        |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| July ..          | 3,232                            | 4.0 | 422               | 0.5 | 36,818         | 45.6 | 40,472   | 50.1 | 5,974                 | 7.4  | 4,173                         | 5.2 | 156                       | 0.2  |
| August ..        | 5,175                            | 6.4 | 698               | 0.9 | 32,835         | 41.0 | 38,708   | 48.3 | 5,431                 | 6.8  | 2,940                         | 3.7 | 101                       | 0.1  |
| September ..     | 5,183                            | 5.5 | 465               | 0.5 | 42,478         | 44.9 | 48,126   | 50.9 | 5,899                 | 6.2  | 6,157                         | 6.5 | 200                       | 0.2  |
| October..        | 6,367                            | 5.7 | 495               | 0.4 | 45,293         | 40.8 | 52,155   | 46.9 | 5,154                 | 4.7  | 8,431                         | 7.6 | 321                       | 0.3  |
| November ..      | 4,714                            | 4.8 | 846               | 0.9 | 37,711         | 38.6 | 43,271   | 44.3 | 5,984                 | 6.1  | 6,432                         | 6.6 | 564                       | 0.6  |
| December ..      | 5,638                            | 8.2 | 667               | 1.0 | 27,162         | 39.8 | 33,467   | 49.0 | 3,884                 | 5.7  | 3,679                         | 5.4 | 514                       | 0.7  |
| January ..       | 8,144                            | 7.1 | 620               | 0.5 | 46,944         | 41.1 | 55,708   | 48.7 | 8,079                 | 7.1  | 4,522                         | 4.0 | 1,753                     | 1.5  |
| February ..      | 5,604                            | 5.3 | 471               | 0.4 | 41,109         | 38.8 | 47,184   | 44.5 | 5,515                 | 5.2  | 7,709                         | 7.3 | 1,509                     | 1.4  |
| March ..         | 4,736                            | 5.5 | 334               | 0.4 | 31,587         | 37.0 | 36,657   | 42.9 | 6,540                 | 7.7  | 5,704                         | 6.7 | 1,663                     | 1.9  |
| April ..         | 4,528                            | 5.6 | 396               | 0.5 | 29,541         | 36.2 | 34,465   | 42.3 | 5,595                 | 6.9  | 4,793                         | 5.9 | 2,127                     | 2.6  |
| May ..           | 3,629                            | 4.8 | 497               | 0.7 | 24,611         | 32.7 | 28,737   | 38.2 | 6,753                 | 9.0  | 5,042                         | 6.7 | 2,626                     | 3.5  |
| June ..          | 1,828                            | 3.3 | 310               | 0.6 | 19,467         | 35.5 | 21,605   | 39.4 | 6,021                 | 11.0 | 3,255                         | 5.9 | 2,051                     | 3.8  |
| 1952-53 p—       |                                  |     |                   |     |                |      |          |      |                       |      |                               |     |                           |      |
| July ..          | 1,736                            | 3.5 | 385               | 0.8 | 16,940         | 33.9 | 19,061   | 38.2 | 6,608                 | 13.3 | 4,240                         | 8.5 | 890                       | 1.8  |
| August ..        | 836                              | 2.1 | 405               | 1.0 | 15,161         | 38.3 | 16,402   | 41.4 | 5,465                 | 13.8 | 2,879                         | 7.3 | 297                       | 0.8  |
| September ..     | 1,490                            | 3.5 | 458               | 1.1 | 15,464         | 36.5 | 17,412   | 41.1 | 6,222                 | 14.6 | 1,844                         | 4.4 | 381                       | 0.9  |
| October..        | 1,722                            | 3.9 | 403               | 0.9 | 13,500         | 30.7 | 15,625   | 35.5 | 5,924                 | 13.5 | 814                           | 1.9 | 305                       | 0.7  |
| November ..      | 1,395                            | 3.9 | 246               | 0.7 | 12,565         | 35.4 | 14,206   | 40.0 | 4,551                 | 12.8 | 1,227                         | 3.5 | 415                       | 1.1  |
| December ..      | 1,400                            | 3.7 | 276               | 0.7 | 12,329         | 31.9 | 14,005   | 36.3 | 5,127                 | 13.3 | 1,358                         | 3.6 | 223                       | 0.6  |
| January ..       | 1,407                            | 3.1 | 316               | 0.7 | 15,906         | 35.6 | 17,629   | 39.4 | 5,549                 | 12.4 | 1,575                         | 3.5 | 267                       | 0.6  |
| February ..      | 1,280                            | 3.1 | 404               | 1.0 | 13,393         | 32.2 | 15,077   | 36.3 | 4,910                 | 11.8 | 1,330                         | 3.2 | 4,362                     | 10.5 |
| March ..         | 1,478                            | 3.3 | 331               | 0.8 | 15,620         | 35.3 | 17,429   | 39.4 | 4,472                 | 10.1 | 1,642                         | 3.7 | 222                       | 0.5  |

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period.             | Capital Equipment.       |   |             |      |                   |   | Finished Consumers' Goods.      |              |                              |                |            |           |        |      |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------|------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|--------|------|
|                     | Transport Equipment.     |   |             |      |                   |   | Food, Beverages<br>and Tobacco. |              | Clothing and<br>Accessories. |                | All Other. |           | Total. |      |
|                     | Producers'<br>Equipment. | Road Vehicles<br>and Complete<br>Parts. |             |      |                   | Railway<br>Equipment,<br>Vessels and Civil<br>Aircraft. |                                 |              |                              |                |            |           |        |      |
|                     |                          | Class IV.                               | Class V. B. |      | Class V. A, C, D. |   | Class VI. A, B, C.              | Class VI. D. |                              | Class VI. E-J. |            | Class VI. |        |      |
| Monthly<br>Average— |                          | %                                       |             | %    |                   | %   |                                 | %            |                              | %              |            | %         |        | %    |
| 1936-37 ..          | 884                      | 10.3                                    | 872         | 10.2 | 146               | 1.7   | 516                             | 6.0          | 46                           | 0.5            | 1,157      | 13.4      | 1,719  | 19.9 |
| 1937-38 ..          | 1,149                    | 10.9                                    | 1,161       | 11.0 | 205               | 1.9   | 531                             | 5.0          | 68                           | 0.6            | 1,299      | 12.3      | 1,898  | 17.9 |
| 1938-39 ..          | 1,104                    | 11.7                                    | 899         | 9.5  | 119               | 1.3   | 564                             | 6.0          | 84                           | 0.9            | 1,217      | 12.9      | 1,865  | 19.8 |
| 1945-46 ..          | 1,179                    | 8.0                                     | 970         | 6.5  | 105               | 0.7   | 636                             | 4.3          | 51                           | 0.3            | 940        | 6.4       | 1,627  | 11.0 |
| 1946-47 ..          | 1,435                    | 8.3                                     | 1,544       | 8.9  | 231               | 1.3   | 868                             | 5.0          | 107                          | 0.6            | 1,777      | 10.2      | 2,752  | 15.8 |
| 1947-48 ..          | 2,393                    | 8.5                                     | 2,437       | 8.6  | 172               | 0.6   | 1,617                           | 5.7          | 280                          | 1.0            | 3,330      | 11.9      | 5,227  | 18.6 |
| 1948-49 ..          | 3,409                    | 9.9                                     | 4,231       | 12.2 | 355               | 1.0   | 1,619                           | 4.7          | 614                          | 1.8            | 3,714      | 10.9      | 5,947  | 17.4 |
| 1949-50 ..          | 5,297                    | 11.9                                    | 8,643       | 19.3 | 497               | 1.1   | 2,163                           | 4.8          | 578                          | 1.3            | 4,233      | 9.5       | 6,974  | 15.6 |
| 1950-51 ..          | 6,675                    | 10.8                                    | 9,239       | 14.9 | 1,137             | 1.8   | 2,871                           | 4.7          | 745                          | 1.2            | 5,893      | 9.5       | 9,509  | 15.4 |
| 1951-52 ..          | 9,960                    | 11.4                                    | 10,941      | 12.5 | 1,661             | 1.9   | 3,074                           | 3.5          | 1,149                        | 1.3            | 8,377      | 9.6       | 12,600 | 14.4 |
| Monthly<br>Total—   |                          |   |             |      |                   |   |                                 |              |                              |                |            |           |        |      |
| 1950-51—            |                          |   |             |      |                   |   |                                 |              |                              |                |            |           |        |      |
| March ..            | 6,038                    | 10.3                                    | 8,768       | 15.0 | 2,037             | 3.5   | 2,617                           | 4.5          | 1,020                        | 1.7            | 5,381      | 9.2       | 9,018  | 15.4 |
| April ..            | 6,748                    | 9.9                                     | 8,864       | 13.0 | 1,243             | 1.8   | 2,722                           | 4.0          | 830                          | 1.2            | 6,454      | 9.5       | 10,006 | 14.7 |
| May ..              | 7,682                    | 10.1                                    | 9,469       | 12.5 | 679               | 0.9   | 3,962                           | 5.2          | 741                          | 1.0            | 6,569      | 8.6       | 11,272 | 14.8 |
| June ..             | 7,055                    | 9.3                                     | 9,010       | 11.9 | 1,770             | 2.3   | 3,695                           | 4.9          | 850                          | 1.1            | 7,508      | 9.9       | 12,053 | 15.9 |
| 1951-52—            |                          |   |             |      |                   |   |                                 |              |                              |                |            |           |        |      |
| July ..             | 7,027                    | 8.7                                     | 9,250       | 11.5 | 1,321             | 1.6   | 4,659                           | 5.8          | 736                          | 0.9            | 6,948      | 8.6       | 12,343 | 15.3 |
| August ..           | 9,270                    | 11.6                                    | 10,049      | 12.5 | 1,278             | 1.6   | 3,443                           | 4.3          | 831                          | 1.0            | 8,098      | 10.1      | 12,372 | 15.4 |
| September           | 8,876                    | 9.4                                     | 9,780       | 10.3 | 1,421             | 1.5   | 3,815                           | 4.0          | 1,399                        | 1.5            | 9,009      | 9.5       | 14,223 | 15.0 |
| October ..          | 10,985                   | 9.9                                     | 14,083      | 12.7 | 1,958             | 1.8   | 4,327                           | 3.9          | 1,560                        | 1.4            | 11,974     | 10.8      | 17,861 | 16.1 |
| November            | 9,795                    | 10.0                                    | 13,582      | 13.9 | 2,110             | 2.2   | 3,687                           | 3.8          | 1,558                        | 1.6            | 10,681     | 10.9      | 15,926 | 16.3 |
| December            | 7,210                    | 10.6                                    | 8,087       | 11.9 | 1,053             | 1.5   | 2,039                           | 3.0          | 1,065                        | 1.6            | 7,233      | 10.6      | 10,337 | 15.2 |
| January ..          | 11,374                   | 10.0                                    | 13,992      | 12.2 | 2,864             | 2.5   | 3,096                           | 2.7          | 1,785                        | 1.6            | 11,063     | 9.7       | 15,944 | 14.0 |
| February            | 11,450                   | 10.8                                    | 15,836      | 14.9 | 2,390             | 2.3   | 2,698                           | 2.5          | 1,856                        | 1.8            | 9,836      | 9.3       | 14,390 | 13.6 |
| March ..            | 10,190                   | 11.9                                    | 10,714      | 12.5 | 1,086             | 1.3   | 2,617                           | 3.1          | 1,543                        | 1.8            | 8,687      | 10.2      | 12,847 | 15.1 |
| April ..            | 10,893                   | 13.3                                    | 10,691      | 13.1 | 1,303             | 1.6   | 2,441                           | 3.0          | 901                          | 1.1            | 8,325      | 10.2      | 11,667 | 14.3 |
| May ..              | 12,447                   | 16.5                                    | 10,073      | 13.4 | 1,479             | 2.0   | 2,206                           | 2.9          | 419                          | 0.5            | 5,535      | 7.3       | 8,160  | 10.7 |
| June ..             | 10,000                   | 18.2                                    | 5,149       | 9.4  | 1,665             | 3.0   | 1,859                           | 3.4          | 141                          | 0.3            | 3,134      | 5.6       | 5,134  | 9.3  |
| 1952-53 p—          |                          |   |             |      |                   |   |                                 |              |                              |                |            |           |        |      |
| July ..             | 8,474                    | 17.0                                    | 4,852       | 9.7  | 2,048             | 4.1   | 1,577                           | 3.2          | 118                          | 0.2            | 1,992      | 4.0       | 3,687  | 7.4  |
| August ..           | 6,489                    | 16.4                                    | 2,859       | 7.2  | 1,902             | 4.8   | 1,434                           | 3.6          | 98                           | 0.2            | 1,769      | 4.5       | 3,301  | 8.3  |
| September           | 8,231                    | 19.3                                    | 2,667       | 6.4  | 1,355             | 3.2   | 2,146                           | 5.1          | 105                          | 0.2            | 2,021      | 4.8       | 4,272  | 10.1 |
| October ..          | 10,093                   | 23.0                                    | 2,933       | 6.7  | 4,326             | 9.8   | 1,590                           | 3.6          | 107                          | 0.3            | 2,196      | 5.0       | 3,893  | 8.9  |
| November            | 7,299                    | 20.5                                    | 3,004       | 8.5  | 1,678             | 4.7   | 1,135                           | 3.2          | 80                           | 0.2            | 1,949      | 5.5       | 3,164  | 8.9  |
| December            | 8,322                    | 21.6                                    | 3,074       | 8.0  | 2,337             | 6.1   | 1,915                           | 5.0          | 111                          | 0.3            | 1,988      | 5.2       | 4,014  | 10.5 |
| January ..          | 9,158                    | 20.5                                    | 4,555       | 10.2 | 1,464             | 3.3   | 2,221                           | 5.0          | 105                          | 0.2            | 2,181      | 4.9       | 4,507  | 10.1 |
| February            | 8,639                    | 20.8                                    | 3,002       | 7.2  | 1,358             | 3.3   | 917                             | 2.2          | 72                           | 0.2            | 1,850      | 4.5       | 2,839  | 6.9  |
| March ..            | 9,246                    | 20.9                                    | 4,159       | 9.4  | 2,018             | 4.6   | 1,960                           | 4.4          | 197                          | 0.5            | 2,865      | 6.5       | 5,022  | 11.4 |

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period.                 | Producers' Materials.<br>(Class I.) |                     |                          | Finished Consumers' Goods.<br>(Class VI.) |                     |                          | Total Imports of Merchandise.<br>(All Classes.) |                     |                          |         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                         | Crude.                              | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.                                    | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.  | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total.  |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| 1936-37 ..              | 1,024                               | 373                 | 2,528                    | 45  | 303                 | 1,371                    | 1,069   | 1,505               | 6,032                    | 8,606   |
| 1937-38 ..              | 1,241                               | 449                 | 3,222                    | 48  | 300                 | 1,550                    | 1,289   | 1,796               | 7,530                    | 10,615  |
| 1938-39 ..              | 1,100                               | 351                 | 2,704                    | 55  | 309                 | 1,501                    | 1,155   | 1,627               | 6,653                    | 9,435   |
| 1945-46 ..              | 1,810                               | 631                 | 3,603                    | 75  | 485                 | 1,067                    | 1,885   | 3,048               | 9,825                    | 14,758  |
| 1946-47 ..              | 2,422                               | 795                 | 5,099                    | 109                                       | 634                 | 2,009                    | 2,531   | 3,321               | 11,510                   | 17,362  |
| 1947-48 ..              | 2,903                               | 1,803               | 8,672                    | 107                                       | 1,110               | 4,010                    | 3,010   | 5,872               | 19,292                   | 28,174  |
| 1948-49 ..              | 3,273                               | 2,059               | 9,725                    | 133                                       | 899                 | 4,915                    | 3,406   | 6,738               | 24,361                   | 34,505  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 3,916                               | 1,777               | 11,202                   | 180                                       | 1,277               | 5,517                    | 4,096   | 7,851               | 32,730                   | 44,677  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 7,012                               | 3,185               | 17,114                   | 273                                       | 1,600               | 7,636                    | 7,285   | 10,961              | 43,577                   | 61,823  |
| 1951-52 ..              | 7,788                               | 4,788               | 27,469                   | 359                                       | 1,446               | 10,795                   | 8,147   | 13,933              | 65,398                   | 87,478  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| 1950-51—                |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| March ..                | 8,144                               | 2,942               | 15,286                   | 352                                       | 1,253               | 7,413                    | 8,496   | 9,002               | 40,939                   | 58,437  |
| April ..                | 10,053                              | 3,733               | 17,986                   | 311                                       | 1,407               | 8,288                    | 10,364  | 12,228              | 45,471                   | 68,063  |
| May ..                  | 10,159                              | 5,186               | 21,968                   | 343                                       | 2,068               | 8,861                    | 10,502  | 14,445              | 51,073                   | 76,020  |
| June ..                 | 8,227                               | 4,360               | 24,482                   | 289                                       | 1,700               | 10,064                   | 8,516   | 13,231              | 54,071                   | 75,818  |
| 1951-52—                |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| July ..                 | 14,925                              | 4,141               | 21,406                   | 649                                       | 2,525               | 9,169                    | 15,574  | 13,902              | 51,240                   | 80,716  |
| August ..               | 6,159                               | 5,934               | 26,615                   | 633                                       | 1,482               | 10,257                   | 6,792   | 14,480              | 58,877                   | 80,149  |
| September ..            | 7,083                               | 5,501               | 35,542                   | 524                                       | 1,674               | 12,025                   | 7,607   | 14,809              | 72,266                   | 94,682  |
| October ..              | 10,439                              | 7,707               | 34,009                   | 669                                       | 1,574               | 15,618                   | 11,108  | 16,585              | 83,255                   | 110,948 |
| November ..             | 7,625                               | 5,926               | 29,720                   | 294                                       | 1,591               | 14,041                   | 7,919   | 15,612              | 74,133                   | 97,664  |
| December ..             | 5,386                               | 3,825               | 24,256                   | 143                                       | 765                 | 9,429                    | 5,529   | 9,895               | 52,807                   | 68,231  |
| January ..              | 10,808                              | 7,976               | 36,924                   | 251                                       | 1,366               | 14,327                   | 11,059  | 19,678              | 83,499                   | 114,236 |
| February ..             | 8,448                               | 4,872               | 33,864                   | 202                                       | 1,313               | 12,875                   | 8,650   | 14,031              | 83,302                   | 105,983 |
| March ..                | 6,808                               | 3,171               | 26,678                   | 167                                       | 1,154               | 11,526                   | 6,975   | 12,703              | 65,723                   | 85,401  |
| April ..                | 4,616                               | 3,090               | 26,759                   | 260                                       | 1,243               | 10,164                   | 4,876   | 11,814              | 64,844                   | 81,534  |
| May ..                  | 6,498                               | 2,512               | 19,727                   | 375                                       | 1,087               | 6,698                    | 6,873   | 12,011              | 56,433                   | 75,317  |
| June ..                 | 4,656                               | 2,820               | 14,129                   | 142                                       | 1,581               | 3,411                    | 4,798   | 11,675              | 38,407                   | 54,880  |
| 1952-53 p—              |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| July ..                 | 5,121                               | 1,780               | 12,160                   | 110                                       | 1,011               | 2,566                    | 5,231   | 10,550              | 34,079                   | 49,860  |
| August ..               | 4,445                               | 2,768               | 9,189                    | 173                                       | 998                 | 2,130                    | 4,618   | 9,994               | 24,982                   | 39,594  |
| September ..            | 4,823                               | 2,877               | 9,633                    | 221                                       | 1,543               | 2,508                    | 5,044   | 11,514              | 25,826                   | 42,384  |
| October ..              | 3,648                               | 2,084               | 9,891                    | 333                                       | 906                 | 2,654                    | 3,981   | 8,949               | 30,983                   | 43,913  |
| November ..             | 4,240                               | 2,342               | 7,624                    | 159                                       | 518                 | 2,487                    | 4,399   | 8,001               | 23,144                   | 35,544  |
| December ..             | 4,016                               | 1,214               | 8,775                    | 200                                       | 1,137               | 2,677                    | 4,216   | 8,196               | 26,048                   | 38,460  |
| January ..              | 4,928                               | 2,407               | 10,294                   | 367                                       | 1,480               | 2,660                    | 5,295   | 10,294              | 29,115                   | 44,704  |
| February ..             | 5,095                               | 1,368               | 8,614                    | 115                                       | 473                 | 2,251                    | 5,210   | 7,490               | 28,817                   | 41,517  |
| March ..                | 4,780                               | 2,212               | 10,437                   | 199                                       | 1,270               | 3,553                    | 4,979   | 8,789               | 30,442                   | 44,210  |

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.



# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

| Period.                 | Wool.   | Wheat<br>and<br>Flour. | Butter. | Sugar. | Meats.   | Hides<br>and<br>Skins. | Lead. | Dried<br>Fruits. | Fresh<br>Fruits. | Total<br>Exports.<br>(b) |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------|----------|------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |         |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| 1936-37 ..              | 5,209   | 2,029                  | 734     | 309    | 861      | 609                    | 402   | 172              | 165              | 12,374                   |
| 1937-38 ..              | 3,915   | 2,245                  | 898     | 336    | 1,021    | 516                    | 409   | 224              | 171              | 11,806                   |
| 1938-39 ..              | 3,561   | 1,106                  | 1,074   | 348    | 982      | 342                    | 356   | 239              | 169              | 10,212                   |
| 1945-46 ..              | 5,772   | 1,463                  | 1,023   | 268    | 1,168    | 986                    | 352   | 179              | 105              | 16,406                   |
| 1946-47 ..              | 10,511  | 2,406                  | 1,048   | 235    | 1,761    | 1,228                  | 904   | 202              | 129              | 25,752                   |
| 1947-48 ..              | 12,396  | 7,053                  | 1,719   | 264    | 1,882    | 1,030                  | 1,148 | 213              | 324              | 33,844                   |
| 1948-49 ..              | 19,283  | 8,202                  | 1,984   | 1,108  | (a)2,388 | 1,017                  | 1,856 | 288              | 260              | 45,206                   |
| 1949-50 ..              | 26,096  | 7,376                  | 2,056   | 1,185  | 2,854    | 1,263                  | 1,416 | 241              | 328              | 51,141                   |
| 1950-51 ..              | 52,779  | 8,921                  | 1,539   | 1,240  | 2,533    | 2,272                  | 1,796 | 389              | 477              | 81,816                   |
| 1951-52 ..              | 26,953  | 7,359                  | 383     | 586    | 2,957    | 1,428                  | 2,156 | 472              | 572              | 55,668                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |         |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| 1950-51—                |         |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| March ..                | 69,499  | 8,371                  | 1,377   | 887    | 2,130    | 2,238                  | 563   | 46               | 334              | 94,568                   |
| April ..                | 101,817 | 8,623                  | 1,052   | 368    | 2,660    | 3,408                  | 2,926 | 502              | 1,170            | 136,053                  |
| May ..                  | 64,961  | 10,315                 | 660     | 375    | 3,538    | 3,157                  | 2,070 | 726              | 1,663            | 98,663                   |
| June ..                 | 45,049  | 11,077                 | 413     | 395    | 3,166    | 2,250                  | 5,203 | 956              | 1,286            | 79,773                   |
| 1951-52—                |         |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| July ..                 | 27,002  | 9,557                  | 216     | 1,263  | 3,808    | 1,757                  | 1,523 | 921              | 361              | 58,316                   |
| August ..               | 10,818  | 11,671                 | 119     | 2,106  | 4,062    | 1,717                  | 2,339 | 519              | 312              | 45,857                   |
| September ..            | 11,209  | 9,172                  | 29      | 799    | 3,014    | 1,266                  | 2,708 | 431              | 111              | 39,145                   |
| October ..              | 26,296  | 9,409                  | 181     | 950    | 3,064    | 1,664                  | 2,576 | 462              | 134              | 56,986                   |
| November ..             | 36,646  | 6,879                  | 800     | 1,088  | 2,855    | 1,724                  | 3,247 | 238              | 125              | 66,841                   |
| December ..             | 30,619  | 3,233                  | 359     | 217    | 2,312    | 1,089                  | 1,277 | 114              | 53               | 49,652                   |
| January ..              | 36,652  | 5,464                  | 1,234   | 30     | 2,408    | 1,572                  | 1,154 | 96               | 72               | 64,560                   |
| February ..             | 32,486  | 5,475                  | 392     | 57     | 2,281    | 1,510                  | 1,099 | 52               | 119              | 56,253                   |
| March ..                | 38,014  | 5,863                  | 196     | 54     | 2,465    | 1,338                  | 2,927 | 5                | 343              | 66,563                   |
| April ..                | 30,167  | 7,972                  | 172     | 31     | 2,713    | 1,263                  | 3,054 | 575              | 991              | 59,000                   |
| May ..                  | 21,273  | 7,540                  | 498     | 294    | 3,616    | 1,010                  | 1,182 | 1,350            | 2,098            | 51,825                   |
| June ..                 | 22,248  | 6,070                  | 397     | 142    | 2,887    | 1,222                  | 2,787 | 902              | 2,150            | 53,021                   |
| 1952-53 p—              |         |                        |         |        |          |                        |       |                  |                  |                          |
| July ..                 | 23,976  | 5,901                  | 441     | 37     | 5,153    | 1,371                  | 3,743 | 907              | 1,030            | 57,496                   |
| August ..               | 9,801   | 6,976                  | 595     | 886    | 5,553    | 1,633                  | 2,468 | 1,121            | 529              | 41,846                   |
| September ..            | 15,436  | 5,528                  | 1,030   | 2,234  | 6,105    | 1,353                  | 1,764 | 1,019            | 184              | 50,346                   |
| October ..              | 41,647  | 5,887                  | 3,173   | 2,839  | 8,036    | 1,676                  | 3,687 | 105              | 208              | 85,032                   |
| November ..             | 46,666  | 6,708                  | 2,619   | 3,534  | 6,968    | 1,770                  | 3,709 | 147              | 86               | 86,610                   |
| December ..             | 48,607  | 4,923                  | 3,411   | 1,595  | 5,770    | 1,765                  | 493   | 20               | 159              | 81,881                   |
| January ..              | 34,461  | 6,390                  | 1,024   | 2,311  | 5,137    | 1,637                  | 930   | 19               | 13               | 66,999                   |
| February ..             | 31,919  | 5,049                  | 1,351   | 2,657  | 4,644    | 1,942                  | 1,708 | 18               | 172              | 65,742                   |
| March ..                | 48,693  | 10,097                 | 2,285   | 3,026  | 4,872    | 1,524                  | 1,660 | 154              | 1,068            | 90,207                   |

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).  
Gold Ingot, Bar, Sheet, Granulated, Dust, &c., and Gold Specie.

(b) Excludes Gold contained in Matte.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.   | Wool.                  | Wheat.         | Butter.        | Metals.<br>(a) | Meats.<br>(b) | Sugar.       | Dried<br>Fruits.<br>(c) | Tallow.      | Hides.<br>(d) | Gold.<br>(e) | All Groups.             |                         |
|---|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                        |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              | Ex-<br>cluding<br>Gold. | In-<br>cluding<br>Gold. |
| Percentage Dis-<br>tribution of<br>Base Aggregate | (f) 45.63<br>(g) 49.05 | 17.06<br>18.34 | 11.36<br>12.21 | 6.83<br>7.34   | 6.63<br>7.13  | 2.40<br>2.58 | 1.81<br>1.94            | 0.64<br>0.69 | 0.66<br>0.72  | 6.98<br>..   | 100.00                  | 100.00                  |
| 1936-37 ..  | 122                    | 123            | 92             | 120            | 98            | 104          | 103                     | 122          | 113           | 99           | 116                     | 115                     |
| 1937-38 ..  | 99                     | 111            | 107            | 96             | 106           | 92           | 103                     | 100          | 100           | 98           | 102                     | 102                     |
| 1938-39 ..  | 79                     | 66             | 101            | 84             | 96            | 104          | 94                      | 78           | 87            | 103          | 82                      | 83                      |
| 1945-46 ..  | 117                    | 213            | 147            | 196            | 123           | 213          | 137                     | 161          | 152           | 122          | 148                     | 146                     |
| 1946-47 ..  | 173                    | 305            | 173            | 308            | 139           | 264          | 152                     | 361          | 334           | 122          | 209                     | 203                     |
| 1947-48 ..  | 287                    | 420            | 193            | 372            | 146           | 320          | 157                     | 436          | 364           | 122          | 296                     | 283                     |
| 1948-49 ..  | 365                    | 413            | 233            | 478            | 171           | 343          | 162                     | 499          | 421           | 122          | 348                     | 332                     |
| 1949-50 ..  | 473                    | 400            | 250            | 421            | 196           | 369          | 176                     | 400          | 479           | 164          | 399                     | 383                     |
| 1950-51 ..  | 999                    | 432            | 271            | 689            | 209           | 410          | 226                     | 356          | 752           | 176          | 690                     | 654                     |
| 1951-52 ..  | 564                    | 436            | 291            | 811            | 263           | 464          | 302                     | 451          | 486           | 184          | 495                     | 473                     |
| 1950-51—  |                        |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              |                         |                         |
| March ..  | 1,437                  | 428            | 271            | 739            | 208           | 426          | 303                     | 354          | 1,010         | 176          | 912                     | 860                     |
| April ..  | 1,094                  | 443            | 271            | 774            | 208           | 426          | 303                     | 354          | 829           | 176          | 747                     | 708                     |
| May ..  | 973                    | 445            | 271            | 771            | 219           | 426          | 303                     | 354          | 811           | 176          | 689                     | 653                     |
| June ..   | 717                    | 447            | 271            | 751            | 219           | 426          | 303                     | 354          | 726           | 176          | 562                     | 535                     |
| 1951-52—  |                        |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              |                         |                         |
| July ..   | (h) 717                | 449            | 291            | 842            | 237           | 426          | 303                     | 354          | 616           | 176          | 572                     | 544                     |
| August ..   | 551                    | 452            | 291            | 842            | 237           | 426          | 303                     | 354          | 521           | 176          | 490                     | 468                     |
| September ..                                      | 498                    | 445            | 291            | 862            | 237           | 426          | 303                     | 354          | 541           | 176          | 465                     | 445                     |
| October ..  | 686                    | 432            | 291            | 869            | 271           | 426          | 303                     | 483          | 575           | 176          | 559                     | 532                     |
| November ..                                       | 603                    | 432            | 291            | 835            | 271           | 426          | 303                     | 483          | 566           | 176          | 515                     | 492                     |
| December ..                                       | 581                    | 432            | 291            | 860            | 271           | 426          | 303                     | 483          | 561           | 189          | 506                     | 484                     |
| January ..  | 566                    | 432            | 291            | 825            | 271           | 501          | 303                     | 483          | 531           | 193          | 498                     | 477                     |
| February ..                                       | 520                    | 432            | 291            | 827            | 271           | 501          | 303                     | 483          | 451           | 196          | 475                     | 456                     |
| March ..  | 460                    | 432            | 291            | 817            | 273           | 501          | 300                     | 483          | 378           | 193          | 445                     | 427                     |
| April ..  | 475                    | 432            | 291            | 799            | 273           | 501          | 300                     | 483          | 398           | 187          | 451                     | 432                     |
| May ..  | 543                    | 432            | 291            | 711            | 273           | 501          | 300                     | 483          | 346           | 184          | 477                     | 457                     |
| June ..   | 566                    | 432            | 291            | 641            | 273           | 501          | 300                     | 483          | 343           | 186          | 483                     | 463                     |
| 1952-53—  |                        |                |                |                |               |              |                         |              |               |              |                         |                         |
| July ..   | (h) 566                | 432            | 313            | 621            | 294           | 501          | 300                     | 483          | 340           | 186          | 486                     | 465                     |
| August ..   | (h) 566                | 432            | 313            | 613            | 294           | 501          | 300                     | 483          | 381           | 187          | 486                     | 465                     |
| September ..                                      | p551                   | 432            | 313            | 603            | 294           | 501          | 300                     | 483          | 379           | 188          | p477                    | p457                    |
| October ..  | p588                   | 432            | 313            | 501            | 321           | 501          | 300                     | (h) 483      | 383           | 188          | p490                    | p469                    |
| November ..                                       | p588                   | 432            | 313            | 501            | 321           | 501          | 300                     | 360          | 404           | 187          | p490                    | p469                    |
| December ..                                       | p618                   | p432           | 313            | 510            | 321           | 501          | 300                     | 322          | 395           | 184          | p505                    | p483                    |
| January ..  | p618                   | p432           | 313            | 509            | 321           | 501          | 300                     | 298          | 391           | 189          | p505                    | p483                    |
| February ..                                       | p626                   | p432           | 313            | 475            | 321           | 501          | 300                     | 295          | 375           | 186          | p506                    | p483                    |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.

(b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.

(c) Sultanas, lexiass, currants.

(d) Cattle hides, calf skins.

(e) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951, is the price of Australian gold on overseas premium markets.

(f) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.

(g) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.

(h) Nominal.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

### RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Month.     | 1950-51. |               |             | 1951-52. |               |             | 1952-53. |               |             |
|---------|-------|---------------|-------------|------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|         |       |               |             |            | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| 1936-37 | 122   | 108           | 115         | July ..    | a 592    | 333           | 451         | a 717    | 400           | 544         | a 566    | 381           | 465         |
| 1937-38 | 99    | 105           | 102         | August ..  | 864      | 340           | 579         | 551      | 400           | 468         | a 566    | 380           | 465         |
| 1938-39 | 79    | 87            | 83          | September  | 890      | 355           | 599         | 498      | 400           | 445         | 551      | 379           | 457         |
|         |       |               |             | October..  | 890      | 360           | 602         | 686      | 403           | 532         | 588      | 370           | 469         |
|         |       |               |             | November   | 965      | 366           | 639         | 603      | 398           | 492         | 588      | 368           | 469         |
| 1945-46 | 117   | 171           | 146         | December   | 973      | 366           | 643         | 581      | 403           | 484         | 618      | p369          | p483        |
| 1946-47 | 173   | 228           | 203         | January .. | 1,252    | 368           | 771         | 566      | 402           | 477         | 618      | p369          | p483        |
| 1947-48 | 287   | 280           | 283         | February   | 1,339    | 369           | 811         | 520      | 402           | 456         | p626     | p364          | p483        |
| 1948-49 | 365   | 305           | 332         | March ..   | 1,437    | 377           | 860         | 460      | 400           | 427         |          |               |             |
| 1949-50 | 473   | 308           | 383         | April ..   | 1,094    | 384           | 708         | 475      | 397           | 432         |          |               |             |
| 1950-51 | 999   | 365           | 654         | May ..     | 973      | 385           | 653         | 543      | 385           | 457         |          |               |             |
| 1951-52 | 564   | 397           | 473         | June ..    | 717      | 383           | 535         | 566      | 376           | 463         |          |               |             |

(a) Nominal.

### MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX: CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

| Month.    | Month stated compared with same month of preceding year. |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year. |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|           | 1950-51.   |                  | 1951-52.         |                  | 1952-53.         |                  | 1950-51.   |                  | 1951-52.         |                  | 1952-53.         |                  |
|           | Ex-cluding Wool.   | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool.   | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. |
|           |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| July ..   | 119  | 156              | 116              | 119              | 93               | 84               | 119  | 156              | 116              | 119              | 93               | 84               |
| August .. | 119  | 182              | 113              | 87               | 96               | 98               | 119  | 168              | 114              | 104              | 94               | 89               |
| September | 117  | 174              | 110              | 80               | 95               | 102              | 118  | 170              | 113              | 96               | 95               | 93               |
| October   | 114  | 184              | 107              | 85               | 93               | 88               | 117  | 175              | 111              | 92               | 94               | 91               |
| November  | 117  | 196              | 106              | 70               | 93               | 96               | 117  | 181              | 110              | 85               | 94               | 92               |
| December  | 115  | 182              | 106              | 67               | 96               | 104              | 117  | 181              | 110              | 82               | 94               | 95               |
| January   | 112  | 196              | 106              | 54               | 94               | 105              | 116  | 184              | 109              | 75               | 94               | 96               |
| February  | 109  | 192              | 107              | 50               | 91               | 112              | 115  | 185              | 109              | 71               | 94               | 98               |
| March ..  | 113  | 226              | 105              | 41               |                  |                  | 115  | 191              | 109              | 66               |                  |                  |
| April ..  | 113  | 174              | 100              | 53               |                  |                  | 115  | 189              | 108              | 64               |                  |                  |
| May ..    | 112  | 145              | 98               | 65               |                  |                  | 114  | 183              | 107              | 65               |                  |                  |
| June ..   | 114  | 119              | 95               | 84               |                  |                  | 114  | 178              | 106              | 66               |                  |                  |

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.      | Basic Materials. |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. |                                  |                   |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
|              | Metals and Coal. | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. |                          | Goods principally Imported. (a) | Goods principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. |
| 1936-37 ..   | 96               | 99                    | 118       | 99         | 111               | 99                  | 99     | 97                       | 99                              | 98                               | 98                |
| 1937-38 ..   | 101              | 101                   | 100       | 100        | 97                | 104                 | 102    | 100                      | 102                             | 100                              | 101               |
| 1938-39 ..   | 103              | 100                   | 82        | 101        | 92                | 97                  | 99     | 103                      | 99                              | 102                              | 101               |
| 1945-46 ..   | 130              | 156                   | 152       | 142        | 140               | 177                 | 149    | 135                      | 178                             | 126                              | 141               |
| 1946-47 ..   | 132              | 145                   | 191       | 140        | 131               | 180                 | 149    | 138                      | 177                             | 129                              | 143               |
| 1947-48 ..   | 146              | 161                   | 283       | 148        | 126               | 190                 | 166    | 153                      | 192                             | 145                              | 159               |
| 1948-49 ..   | 185              | 173                   | 342       | 159        | 130               | 198                 | 188    | 175                      | 201                             | 173                              | 181               |
| 1949-50 ..   | 214              | 184                   | 434       | 187        | 143               | 225                 | 214    | 198                      | 223                             | 198                              | 205               |
| 1950-51 ..   | 256              | 196                   | 641       | 242        | 292               | 268                 | 264    | 232                      | 256                             | 242                              | 246               |
| 1951-52 ..   | 343              | 220                   | 577       | 314        | 298               | 370                 | 321    | 281                      | 288                             | 305                              | 300               |
| 1950-51—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| March (b)    | 280              | 202                   | 907       | 252        | 362               | 280                 | 294    | 246                      | 269                             | 268                              | 268               |
| April (b)    | 280              | 208                   | 703       | 252        | 329               | 296                 | 286    | 240                      | 268                             | 258                              | 261               |
| May (b)      | 289              | 208                   | 634       | 252        | 322               | 296                 | 285    | 251                      | 268                             | 266                              | 266               |
| June (b)     | 289              | 208                   | 479       | 254        | 304               | 311                 | 278    | 276                      | 272                             | 279                              | 277               |
| 1951-52—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| July ..      | 288              | 209                   | 490       | 300        | 301               | 314                 | 283    | 283                      | 271                             | 289                              | 283               |
| August ..    | 308              | 209                   | 604       | 301        | 351               | 316                 | 299    | 292                      | 274                             | 304                              | 295               |
| September .. | 314              | 212                   | 566       | 305        | 348               | 320                 | 301    | 282                      | 276                             | 297                              | 291               |
| October ..   | 320              | 213                   | 698       | 305        | 347               | 344                 | 315    | 266                      | 282                             | 291                              | 288               |
| November ..  | 341              | 223                   | 633       | 307        | 323               | 362                 | 324    | 261                      | 289                             | 290                              | 290               |
| December ..  | 344              | 223                   | 616       | 313        | 271               | 364                 | 322    | 270                      | 286                             | 297                              | 294               |
| January ..   | 346              | 223                   | 605       | 313        | 270               | 365                 | 322    | 266                      | 286                             | 294                              | 292               |
| February ..  | 363              | 223                   | 560       | 317        | 264               | 394                 | 331    | 280                      | 295                             | 307                              | 304               |
| March ..     | 365              | 223                   | 504       | 327        | 261               | 394                 | 330    | 289                      | 295                             | 313                              | 308               |
| April ..     | 370              | 223                   | 517       | 327        | 262               | 395                 | 332    | 294                      | 296                             | 318                              | 312               |
| May ..       | 379              | 230                   | 559       | 327        | 278               | 433                 | 347    | 294                      | 301                             | 325                              | 318               |
| June ..      | 379              | 230                   | 570       | 331        | 296               | 433                 | 349    | 298                      | 301                             | 330                              | 321               |
| 1952-53—     |                  |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        |                          |                                 |                                  |                   |
| July ..      | 392              | 230                   | 570       | 344        | 279               | 435                 | 354    | 304                      | 301                             | 337                              | 327               |
| August ..    | 394              | 230                   | 577       | 350        | 241               | 418                 | 351    | 303                      | 294                             | 338                              | 325               |
| September .. | 399              | 230                   | 566       | 349        | 237               | 418                 | 352    | 295                      | 294                             | 333                              | 321               |
| October ..   | 390              | 235                   | 589       | 349        | 233               | 418                 | 352    | 283                      | 295                             | 322                              | 314               |
| November ..  | 390              | 237                   | 589       | 349        | 223               | 420                 | 352    | 280                      | 294                             | 321                              | 313               |
| December ..  | 390              | 237                   | 609       | 349        | 227               | 420                 | 353    | 291                      | 296                             | 329                              | 319               |
| January ..   | 389              | 236                   | 608       | 350        | 223               | 420                 | 353    | 288                      | 295                             | 327                              | 317               |
| February ..  | 391              | 235                   | p611      | 357        | 212               | 391                 | p348   | 288                      | 287                             | p327                             | p315              |
| March ..     | 393              | 235                   | p640      | 357        | 212               | 391                 | p350   | 287                      | 288                             | p328                             | p316              |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of page 21 of issue No. 180.

# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.      | Australia.                  | Canada.                | France.                | India.                                       | New Zealand.             | South Africa.                 | Sweden.         | United Kingdom. |            | U.S.A.                          |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------|
|              | Common-wealth Statistician. | Dominion Statistician. | Inst. Nat. de la Stat. | Economic Adviser to the Government of India. | Government Statistician. | Census and Statistics Office. | Board of Trade. | Board of Trade. | Economist. | Bureau of Labour Statistics (a) |
| 1936-37 ..   | 98                          | 101                    | 83                     | 104  | 96                       | 97                            | 98              | 100             | 105        | 104                             |
| 1937-38 ..   | 101                         | 104                    | 105                    | 100  | 102                      | 103                           | 103             | 104             | 102        | 101                             |
| 1938-39 ..   | 101                         | 95                     | 112                    | 96   | 102                      | 100                           | 99              | 96              | 93         | 95                              |
| 1948-49 ..   | 181                         | 195                    | 2,032                  | (b) 379                                      | 180                      | 186                           | 196             | 218             | 218        | 194                             |
| 1949-50 ..   | 205                         | 195                    | 2,196                  | 389  | 184                      | 195                           | 198             | 237             | 235        | 186                             |
| 1950-51 ..   | 246                         | 224                    | (c) 123                | 426  | 210                      | 216                           | 237             | 288             | 283        | 211                             |
| 1951-52 ..   | 300                         | 229                    | 145                    | 414  | 243                      | 252                           | 285             | 321             | 297        | 213                             |
| 1951-52—     |                             |                        |                        |  |                          |                               |                 |                 |            |                                 |
| April ..     | 312                         | 221                    | 147                    | 378  | 251                      | 262                           | 291             | 322             | 297        | 211                             |
| May ..       | 318                         | 219                    | 145                    | 367  | 250                      | 265                           | 291             | 320             | 294        | 211                             |
| June ..      | 321                         | 221                    | 143                    | 375  | 251                      | 266                           | 292             | 320             | 297        | 210                             |
| 1952-53—     |                             |                        |                        |  |                          |                               |                 |                 |            |                                 |
| July ..      | 327                         | 220                    | 144                    | 384  | 251                      | 268                           | 290             | 320             | 296        | 211                             |
| August ..    | 325                         | 219                    | 144                    | 387  | 251                      | 270                           | 289             | 317             | 293        | 212                             |
| September .. | 321                         | 217                    | 143                    | 389  | 255                      | 270                           | 286             | 315             | 293        | 211                             |
| October ..   | 314                         | 216                    | 140                    | 388  | 258                      | 272                           | 284             | 319             | 290        | 210                             |
| November ..  | 313                         | 217                    | 140                    | 383  |                          | 274                           | 276             | 317             | 290        | 209                             |
| December ..  | 319                         | 216                    | 140                    | 373  |                          | 273                           | 277             | 320             | 293        | 207                             |
| January ..   | 317                         |                        | 141                    | 378  |                          | p271                          |                 | r320            | 291        | r208                            |
| February ..  | p315                        |                        | 139                    | r382   |                          | p266                          |                 | rp317           | 292        | 207                             |
| March ..     | p316                        |                        |                        |  |                          |                               |                 | p318            | p293       |                                 |

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date).  
prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series"  
(c) New Series. Base :

## RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a)).

| Period.           | Australia.(a)                  |                        | Canada.                  | New Zealand.                  | South Africa.       | United Kingdom.(a)           | United States of America. |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                   | Common-wealth Statistician.(b) | Dominion Statistician. | Government Statistician. | Census and Statistics Office. | Ministry of Labour. | Bureau of Labour Statistics. |                           |
| 1936-37 .. .. .   | 973                            | 98                     | 96                       | 97                            | 97                  | 100                          |                           |
| 1937-38 .. .. .   | 998                            | 102                    | 101                      | 101                           | 102                 | 101                          |                           |
| 1938-39 .. .. .   | 1,029                          | 100                    | 103                      | 102                           | 101                 | 99                           |                           |
| 1948-49 .. .. .   | 1,528                          | 158                    | 142                      | 155                           | (c) 109             | 170                          |                           |
| 1949-50 .. .. .   | 1,669                          | 160                    | 146                      | 159                           | 113                 | 166                          |                           |
| 1950-51 .. .. .   | 1,906                          | 172                    | 159                      | 168                           | 118                 | 178                          |                           |
| 1951-52 .. .. .   | 2,337                          | 186                    | 176                      | 182                           | (d) 131             | 186                          |                           |
| 1951-52—          |                                |                        |                          |                               |                     |                              |                           |
| April .. .. .     | } 2,488 {                      | 186                    | } 180 {                  | 187                           | 135                 | 187                          |                           |
| May .. .. .       |                                | 184                    |                          | 187                           | 135                 | 187                          |                           |
| June .. .. .      |                                | 184                    |                          | 189                           | 138                 | 188                          |                           |
| 1952-53—          |                                |                        |                          |                               |                     |                              |                           |
| July .. .. .      | } 2,524 {                      | 185                    | } 182 {                  | 188                           | 138                 | 189                          |                           |
| August .. .. .    |                                | 184                    |                          | 189                           | 137                 | 189                          |                           |
| September .. .. . |                                | 185                    |                          | 194                           | 136                 | 189                          |                           |
| October .. .. .   | } 2,530 {                      | 184                    | } 184 {                  | 195                           | 138                 | 189                          |                           |
| November .. .. .  |                                | 185                    |                          | 195                           | 138                 | 189                          |                           |
| December .. .. .  |                                | 184                    |                          | 195                           | 138                 | 189                          |                           |
| January .. .. .   | } 2,558 {                      | 184                    | } 185 {                  | 194                           | 138                 | 189                          |                           |
| February .. .. .  |                                | 184                    |                          | 193                           | 139                 | 188                          |                           |
| March .. .. .     |                                | 182                    |                          |                               |                     |                              |                           |

(a) For bases of series for Australia and United Kingdom, see footnotes (b), (c) and (d).  
of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) For Australia the base is the average  
(c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 ; cannot be linked to former series. (d) From  
the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June,  
1947 = 100.

# RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.   |    | Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities. |                                |                                     |           |                 |  | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States. |                                |
|-----------|----|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
|           |    | Food and Groceries.                        | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Food, &c., and Rent (" B " Series). | Clothing. | Mis-cellaneous. | Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous (" C " Series). | Nominal Rates, Adult Males.            | " Real " Wage, Adult Males.(a) |
| 1936-37   | .. | 963  | 968                            | 965                                 | 976       | 996             | 973  | 949                                    | 976                            |
| 1937-38   | .. | 989  | 1,001                          | 993                                 | 1,006     | 1,003           | 998  | 1,007                                  | 1,009                          |
| 1938-39   | .. | 1,048                                      | 1,031                          | 1,042                               | 1,018     | 1,001           | 1,029  | 1,044                                  | 1,015                          |
| 1945-46   | .. | 1,187                                      | 1,054                          | 1,134                               | 1,777     | 1,212           | 1,278  | 1,343                                  | 1,051                          |
| 1946-47   | .. | 1,208                                      | 1,054                          | 1,147                               | 1,873     | 1,225           | 1,309  | 1,423                                  | 1,087                          |
| 1947-48   | .. | 1,333                                      | 1,056                          | 1,222                               | 2,013     | 1,279           | 1,392  | 1,565                                  | 1,123                          |
| 1948-49   | .. | 1,531                                      | 1,058                          | 1,340                               | 2,264     | 1,349           | 1,528  | 1,757                                  | 1,150                          |
| 1949-50   | .. | 1,664                                      | 1,063                          | 1,421                               | 2,626     | 1,443           | 1,669  | 1,913                                  | 1,147                          |
| 1950-51   | .. | 1,998                                      | 1,076                          | 1,626                               | 3,044     | 1,597           | 1,906  | 2,298                                  | 1,206                          |
| 1951-52   | .. | 2,694                                      | 1,104                          | 2,051                               | 3,623     | 1,898           | 2,337  | 2,806                                  | 1,201                          |
| 1950-51—  |    |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| January   | .. | 2,009                                      | 1,084                          | 1,659                               | 3,040     | 1,630           | 1,932  | 2,367                                  | 1,225                          |
| February  | .. | 2,050                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| March     | .. | 2,085                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| April     | .. | 2,153                                      | 1,087                          | 1,752                               | 3,357     | 1,710           | 2,067  | 2,507                                  | 1,213                          |
| May       | .. | 2,186                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| June      | .. | 2,269                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| 1951-52—  |    |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| July      | .. | 2,372                                      | 1,091                          | 1,897                               | 3,463     | 1,787           | 2,191  | 2,629                                  | 1,200                          |
| August    | .. | 2,443                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| September | .. | 2,517                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| October   | .. | 2,576                                      | 1,094                          | 2,018                               | 3,582     | 1,870           | 2,303  | 2,771                                  | 1,203                          |
| November  | .. | 2,684                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| December  | .. | 2,673                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| January   | .. | 2,706                                      | 1,105                          | 2,085                               | 3,658     | 1,905           | 2,366  | 2,878                                  | 1,216                          |
| February  | .. | 2,750                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| March     | .. | 2,796                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| April     | .. | 2,935                                      | 1,124                          | 2,204                               | 3,789     | 2,031           | 2,488  | 2,946                                  | 1,148                          |
| May       | .. | 2,935                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| June      | .. | 2,941                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| 1952-53—  |    |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| July      | .. | 2,993                                      | 1,156                          | 2,233                               | 3,808     | 2,103           | 2,524  | 3,054                                  | 1,210                          |
| August    | .. | 2,958                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| September | .. | 2,945                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| October   | .. | 2,908                                      | 1,181                          | 2,210                               | 3,884     | 2,121           | 2,530  | 3,102                                  | 1,226                          |
| November  | .. |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| December  | .. |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| January   | .. | 2,943                                      | 1,212                          | 2,243                               | 3,912     | 2,134           | 2,558  |  |                                |
| February  | .. |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |
| March     | .. |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |  |                                |

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.



# RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

| Particulars.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>1952 : March Quarter—</b>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,444            | 2,322     | 2,262       | 2,314            | 2,346              | 2,346     | 2,366                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 2,938            | 2,842     | 2,835       | 2,795            | 2,899              | 2,848     | 2,878                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,202            | 1,224     | 1,253       | 1,208            | 1,236              | 1,214     | 1,216                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 216/-            | 209/-     | 199/-       | 205/-            | 205/-              | 208/-     | 210/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 216/-        | (c)       | (d) 199/-   | (b) 205/-        | (e) 214/1          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <b>1952 : June Quarter—</b>      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,576            | 2,455     | 2,328       | 2,447            | 2,434              | 2,435     | 2,488                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 3,015            | 2,878     | 2,926       | 2,860            | 3,002              | 2,913     | 2,946                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,170            | 1,172     | 1,257       | 1,169            | 1,233              | 1,196     | 1,184                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 223/-            | 212/-     | 207/-       | 211/-            | 214/-              | 214/-     | 216/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 223/-        | (c)       | (f) 207/-   | (b) 211/-        | (f) 223/10         | (c)       | ..                          |
| <b>1952 : September Quarter—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,592            | 2,501     | 2,362       | 2,509            | 2,499              | 2,516     | 2,524                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 3,141            | 3,010     | 2,941       | 2,995            | 3,097              | 2,995     | 3,054                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,212            | 1,204     | 1,245       | 1,194            | 1,239              | 1,190     | 1,210                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 235/-            | 224/-     | 213/-       | 224/-            | 222/-              | 222/-     | 227/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 235/-        | (c)       | (g) 213/-   | (b) 224/-        | (g) 232/3          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <b>1952 : December Quarter—</b>  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,607            | 2,508     | 2,356       | 2,468            | 2,509              | 2,535     | 2,530                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 3,174            | 3,059     | 2,985       | 3,061            | 3,173              | 3,079     | 3,102                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,217            | 1,220     | 1,267       | 1,240            | 1,265              | 1,215     | 1,226                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 237/-            | 228/-     | 216/-       | 229/-            | 228/-              | 230/-     | 231/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 237/-        | (c)       | (h) 216/-   | (b) 229/-        | (i) 238/6          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <b>1953 : March Quarter—</b>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,637            | 2,537     | 2,374       | 2,492            | 2,534              | 2,613     | 2,558                       |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 238/-            | 229/-     | 215/-       | 225/-            | 229/-              | 232/-     | 231/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 238/-        | (c)       | (j) 216/-   | (b) 225/-        | (k) 238/6          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <b>1953 : June Quarter—</b>      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 241/-            | 232/-     | 217/-       | 228/-            | 231/-              | 239/-     | 234/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b)241/-         | (c)       |             | (b)228/-         |                    | (c)       | ..                          |

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.  
 Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 4th February. (e) Payable as from 29th January. (f) Payable as from 28th April. (g) Payable as from 28th July. (h) Payable as from 3rd November. (i) Payable as from 27th October. (j) Payable as from 22nd January. (k) Payable as from 27th January.

# PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of primary products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index-numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index-numbers for any year relate to the average values of primary products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

Since publication in issue No. 179, the original series of Primary Production Price Index-numbers has been replaced with a revised series for 1936-37 and later years. The revised index-numbers shown below have been calculated by using as fixed weights the average quantities of each product marketed during the period 1946-47 to 1950-51.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Year           | Farming.     |           |                        |              |                        |                           | Mining.(a) |                 |             |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                | Agriculture. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and Dairying. | All Farming. | Wool (Shorn and Dead). | Products Other than Wool. | Gold.      | Other Minerals. | All Mining. |
| 1936-37 .. ..  | 114          | 115       | 93                     | 109          | 126                    | 104                       | 99         | 98              | 98          |
| 1937-38 .. ..  | 98           | 98        | 102                    | 99           | 95                     | 100                       | 100        | 107             | 105         |
| 1938-39 .. ..  | 88           | 87        | 105                    | 92           | 79                     | 96                        | 101        | 95              | 97          |
| 1945-46 .. ..  | 175          | 133       | 159                    | 157          | 118                    | 169                       | 123        | 145             | 139         |
| 1946-47 .. ..  | 194          | 181       | 158                    | 186          | 187                    | 185                       | 124        | 169             | 156         |
| 1947-48 .. ..  | 267          | 262       | 183                    | 247          | 301                    | 230                       | 124        | 221             | 194         |
| 1948-49 .. ..  | 234          | 312       | 197                    | 260          | 366                    | 225                       | 124        | 275             | 232         |
| 1949-50 .. ..  | 274          | 396       | 228                    | 316          | 483                    | 262                       | 139        | 288             | 246         |
| 1950-51 .. ..  | 292          | 815       | 258                    | 502          | 1,099                  | 309                       | 178        | 335             | 291         |
| 1951-52p .. .. | 340          | 501       | 343                    | 406          | 552                    | 359                       | (b)178     | 475             | 391         |

(a) Year ended previous December.  
for gold sold on oversea premium markets.

(b) Based on the price fixed by the Commonwealth Bank : no allowance has been made

## SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.    | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)                           |                            |                                      |   |                              |   |  | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) |                                    |                              |
|------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|            | 23<br>Manufac-<br>turing and<br>Distribut-<br>ing<br>Companies. | 10<br>Retail<br>Companies. | 8<br>Public<br>Utility<br>Companies. | 5<br>Pastoral<br>and<br>Finance<br>Companies. | 5<br>Insurance<br>Companies. | 75<br>Companies<br>(including<br>24<br>Miscel-<br>laneous). | 34<br>Active<br>shares in-<br>cluded in<br>foregoing.<br>(c) | 12<br>Industrials.               | 12<br>Financial<br>and<br>Trading. | 24<br>Total of<br>foregoing. |
| 1936-37 .. | 989   | 1,059                      | 1,010                                | 1,106   | 1,052                        | 1,022   | 1,026  | 1,006                            | 1,000                              | 1,003                        |
| 1937-38 .. | 1,012   | 1,008                      | 1,026                                | 1,053   | 983                          | 1,009   | 1,011  | 1,014                            | 1,011                              | 1,013                        |
| 1938-39 .. | 999   | 933                        | 964                                  | 841   | 965                          | 969   | 963  | 980                              | 989                                | 984                          |
| 1945-46 .. | 1,262   | 1,190                      | 1,022                                | 1,062   | 1,071                        | 1,161   | 1,199  | 1,317                            | 1,075                              | 1,206                        |
| 1946-47 .. | 1,463   | 1,479                      | 1,104                                | 1,131   | 1,296                        | 1,325   | 1,355  | 1,472                            | 1,249                              | 1,370                        |
| 1947-48 .. | 1,666   | 1,663                      | 1,044                                | 1,229   | 1,505                        | 1,450   | 1,450  | 1,625                            | 1,386                              | 1,515                        |
| 1948-49 .. | 1,682   | 1,601                      | 948                                  | 1,240   | 1,635                        | 1,426   | 1,413  | 1,681                            | 1,364                              | 1,536                        |
| 1949-50 .. | 1,763   | 1,603                      | 887                                  | 1,357   | 1,920                        | 1,491   | 1,458  | 1,746                            | 1,370                              | 1,573                        |
| 1950-51 .. | 2,242   | 1,932                      | 928                                  | 1,926   | 2,492                        | 1,845   | 1,763  | 2,108                            | 1,623                              | 1,886                        |
| 1951-52 .. | 2,040   | 1,658                      | 872                                  | 1,606   | 2,625                        | 1,662   | 1,537  | 1,838                            | 1,402                              | 1,638                        |
| 1950-51—   |   |                            |                                      |   |                              |   |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| March ..   | 2,363   | 2,050                      | 952                                  | 2,100   | 2,605                        | 1,935   | 1,817  | 2,247                            | 1,683                              | 1,989                        |
| April ..   | 2,443   | 2,092                      | 970                                  | 2,130   | 2,639                        | 1,967   | 1,863  | 2,231                            | 1,673                              | 1,975                        |
| May ..     | 2,532   | 2,116                      | 1,000                                | 2,117   | 2,738                        | 2,020   | 1,907  | 2,279                            | 1,698                              | 2,012                        |
| June ..    | 2,543   | 2,116                      | 944                                  | 2,075   | 2,824                        | 2,025   | 1,889  | 2,320                            | 1,709                              | 2,040                        |
| 1951-52—   |   |                            |                                      |   |                              |   |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..    | 2,510   | 2,093                      | 940                                  | 1,979   | 2,891                        | 2,005   | 1,859  | 2,300                            | 1,696                              | 2,023                        |
| August ..  | 2,398   | 2,011                      | 906                                  | 1,936   | 2,941                        | 1,933   | 1,777  | 2,255                            | 1,646                              | 1,975                        |
| September  | 2,281   | 1,908                      | 869                                  | 1,794   | 2,907                        | 1,842   | 1,686  | 2,165                            | 1,614                              | 1,912                        |
| October..  | 2,218   | 1,818                      | 886                                  | 1,830   | 2,874                        | 1,801   | 1,674  | 1,988                            | 1,523                              | 1,775                        |
| November   | 2,133   | 1,701                      | 880                                  | 1,717   | 2,815                        | 1,730   | 1,599  | 1,988                            | 1,477                              | 1,754                        |
| December   | 2,045   | 1,616                      | 866                                  | 1,599   | 2,774                        | 1,664   | 1,538  | 1,906                            | 1,427                              | 1,686                        |
| January..  | 2,012   | 1,605                      | 865                                  | 1,563   | 2,732                        | 1,638   | 1,516  | 1,849                            | 1,381                              | 1,634                        |
| February   | 1,896   | 1,505                      | 857                                  | 1,469   | 2,619                        | 1,557   | 1,430  | 1,669                            | 1,303                              | 1,502                        |
| March ..   | 1,834   | 1,469                      | 843                                  | 1,412   | 2,371                        | 1,502   | 1,388  | 1,622                            | 1,244                              | 1,448                        |
| April ..   | 1,697   | 1,403                      | 840                                  | 1,331   | 2,230                        | 1,423   | 1,312  | 1,479                            | 1,212                              | 1,356                        |
| May ..     | 1,743   | 1,398                      | 847                                  | 1,338   | 2,178                        | 1,436   | 1,341  | 1,423                            | 1,157                              | 1,301                        |
| June ..    | 1,719   | 1,368                      | 871                                  | 1,300   | 2,165                        | 1,418   | 1,327  | 1,409                            | 1,142                              | 1,286                        |
| 1952-53—   |   |                            |                                      |   |                              |   |  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| July ..    | 1,760   | 1,379                      | 870                                  | 1,370   | 2,127                        | 1,434   | 1,366  | 1,419                            | 1,163                              | 1,301                        |
| August ..  | 1,756   | 1,386                      | 873                                  | 1,383   | 2,118                        | 1,428   | 1,351  | 1,403                            | 1,166                              | 1,294                        |
| September  | 1,709   | 1,365                      | 883                                  | 1,361   | 2,108                        | 1,398   | 1,321  | 1,391                            | 1,126                              | 1,269                        |
| October..  | 1,705   | 1,317                      | 858                                  | 1,336   | 2,088                        | 1,375   | 1,315  | 1,431                            | 1,132                              | 1,293                        |
| November   | 1,693   | 1,309                      | 857                                  | 1,297   | 2,114                        | 1,367   | 1,309  | 1,461                            | 1,133                              | 1,310                        |
| December   | 1,698   | 1,298                      | 850                                  | 1,302   | 2,075                        | 1,362   | 1,313  | 1,465                            | 1,143                              | 1,317                        |
| January .. | 1,755   | 1,376                      | 854                                  | 1,342   | 2,058                        | 1,401   | 1,364  | 1,529                            | 1,193                              | 1,375                        |
| February   | 1,751   | 1,418                      | 866                                  | 1,351   | 2,029                        | 1,408   | 1,358  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| March ..   | 1,755   | 1,441                      | 864                                  | 1,343   | 2,006                        | 1,412   | 1,347  |                                  |                                    |                              |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values.

(b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928.

(c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

# SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.      | Primary Production Prices.(a)<br>(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.) |             | Export Prices<br>(including Gold). | Wholesale Prices (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs). |                                  |             | Retail Prices<br>(Six Capital Cities) :<br>" C " Series Index.<br>(c) | Security Prices :<br>New South Wales<br>(Ordinary Shares—75 Companies). |
|--------------|---|-------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|---|---|
|              | All Farming.  | All Mining. |                                    | Goods Principally Imported.<br>(b)                 | Goods Principally Home Produced. | All Groups. |   |   |
| 1936-37 ..   | 109   | 98          | 1,144                              | 991  | 980                              | 984         | 973   | 1,022   |
| 1937-38 ..   | 99  | 105         | 1,022                              | 1,018  | 1,000                            | 1,005       | 998   | 1,009   |
| 1938-39 ..   | 92  | 97          | 834                                | 991  | 1,020                            | 1,011       | 1,029   | 969   |
| 1945-46 ..   | 157   | 139         | 1,459                              | 1,782  | 1,257                            | 1,412       | 1,278   | 1,161   |
| 1946-47 ..   | 186   | 156         | 2,027                              | 1,768  | 1,288                            | 1,429       | 1,309   | 1,325   |
| 1947-48 ..   | 247   | 194         | 2,834                              | 1,924  | 1,448                            | 1,588       | 1,392   | 1,450   |
| 1948-49 ..   | 260   | 232         | 3,324                              | 2,008  | 1,727                            | 1,809       | 1,528   | 1,426   |
| 1949-50 ..   | 316   | 246         | 3,830                              | 2,231  | 1,982                            | 2,054       | 1,669   | 1,491   |
| 1950-51 ..   | 502   | 291         | 6,544                              | 2,555  | 2,423                            | 2,461       | 1,906   | 1,845   |
| 1951-52 ..   | p406  | p391        | 4,731                              | 2,877  | 3,046                            | 2,995       | 2,337   | 1,662   |
| 1950-51—     |   |             |                                    |  |                                  |             |   |   |
| January ..   | ..  | ..          | 7,715                              | 2,558  | (d)2,377                         | (d)2,430    | 1,932   | 1,916   |
| February ..  | ..  | ..          | 8,114                              | 2,640  | (d)2,488                         | (d)2,532    |   | 1,929   |
| March ..     | ..  | ..          | 8,604                              | 2,688  | (d)2,677                         | (d)2,680    |   | 1,935   |
| April ..     | ..  | ..          | 7,076                              | 2,675  | (d)2,585                         | (d)2,611    | 2,067   | 1,967   |
| May ..       | ..  | ..          | 6,534                              | 2,683  | (d)2,656                         | (d)2,663    |   | 2,020   |
| June ..      | ..  | ..          | 5,349                              | 2,715  | (d)2,794                         | (d)2,770    |   | 2,025   |
| 1951-52—     |   |             |                                    |  |                                  |             |   |   |
| July ..      | ..  | ..          | 5,441                              | 2,712  | 2,886                            | 2,834       | 2,191   | 2,005   |
| August ..    | ..  | ..          | 4,684                              | 2,745  | 3,038                            | 2,950       |   | 1,933   |
| September .. | ..  | ..          | 4,445                              | 2,758  | 2,971                            | 2,906       |   | 1,842   |
| October ..   | ..  | ..          | 5,321                              | 2,823  | 2,908                            | 2,882       | 2,303   | 1,801   |
| November ..  | ..  | ..          | 4,918                              | 2,891  | 2,902                            | 2,899       |   | 1,730   |
| December ..  | ..  | ..          | 4,842                              | 2,859  | 2,974                            | 2,940       |   | 1,664   |
| January ..   | ..  | ..          | 4,768                              | 2,859  | 2,941                            | 2,916       | 2,366   | 1,638   |
| February ..  | ..  | ..          | 4,560                              | 2,948  | 3,073                            | 3,035       |   | 1,557   |
| March ..     | ..  | ..          | 4,271                              | 2,949  | 3,131                            | 3,076       |   | 1,502   |
| April ..     | ..  | ..          | 4,324                              | 2,962  | 3,182                            | 3,116       | 2,488   | 1,423   |
| May ..       | ..  | ..          | 4,568                              | 3,008  | 3,252                            | 3,179       |   | 1,436   |
| June ..      | ..  | ..          | 4,626                              | 3,007  | 3,297                            | 3,210       |   | 1,418   |
| 1952-53—     |   |             |                                    |  |                                  |             |   |   |
| July ..      | ..  | ..          | 4,650                              | 3,015  | 3,373                            | 3,266       | 2,524   | 1,434   |
| August ..    | ..  | ..          | 4,649                              | 2,938  | 3,381                            | 3,250       |   | 1,428   |
| September .. | ..  | ..          | 4,574                              | 2,937  | 3,325                            | 3,210       |   | 1,398   |
| October ..   | ..  | ..          | 4,694                              | 2,949  | 3,223                            | 3,141       | 2,530   | 1,375   |
| November ..  | ..  | ..          | 4,687                              | 2,940  | 3,206                            | 3,127       |   | 1,367   |
| December ..  | ..  | ..          | 4,825                              | 2,955  | 3,294                            | 3,193       |   | 1,362   |
| January ..   | ..  | ..          | 4,826                              | 2,947  | 3,269                            | 3,173       | 2,558   | 1,401   |
| February ..  | ..  | ..          | 4,834                              | 2,867  | 3,274                            | 3,153       |   | 1,408   |
| March ..     | ..  | ..          |                                    | 2,875  | 3,279                            | 3,158       |   | 1,412   |

(a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using the auction room price of wool, see note (b) at foot of page 21 of issue No. 180.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

| Period.                 | New Dwellings. |        | Other New Buildings. |        | Total New Buildings. |        | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
|                         | Number.        | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Value.                     | Value. |
|                         |                | £'000. |                      | £'000. |                      | £'000. | £'000.                     | £'000. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1936-37 (a) ..          | 1,122          | 1,104  | 154                  | 474    | 1,276                | 1,578  | 408                        | 1,986  |
| 1937-38 (a) ..          | 1,394          | 1,413  | 147                  | 472    | 1,541                | 1,885  | 422                        | 2,307  |
| 1938-39 (a) ..          | 1,463          | 1,509  | 137                  | 424    | 1,600                | 1,933  | 420                        | 2,353  |
| 1945-46 (a) ..          | 1,531          | 1,635  | 107                  | 156    | 1,638                | 1,791  | 399                        | 2,190  |
| 1946-47 ..              | 2,209          | 2,976  | 156                  | 512    | 2,365                | 3,488  | 596                        | 4,084  |
| 1947-48 ..              | 2,381          | 3,649  | 124                  | 453    | 2,505                | 4,102  | 585                        | 4,687  |
| 1948-49 ..              | 2,621          | 4,457  | 110                  | 440    | 2,731                | 4,897  | 680                        | 5,577  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 3,045          | 5,770  | 113                  | 460    | 3,158                | 6,230  | 899                        | 7,129  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 3,558          | 7,857  | 151                  | 1,062  | 3,709                | 8,919  | 1,507                      | 10,426 |
| 1951-52 ..              | 2,736          | 6,703  | 165                  | 1,270  | 2,901                | 7,973  | 1,727                      | 9,700  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1950-51—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| February ..             | 3,486          | 8,023  | 128                  | 632    | 3,614                | 8,655  | 1,440                      | 10,095 |
| March ..                | 3,337          | 8,156  | 153                  | 758    | 3,490                | 8,914  | 1,953                      | 10,867 |
| April ..                | 3,952          | 9,163  | 186                  | 2,126  | 4,138                | 11,289 | 1,790                      | 13,079 |
| May ..                  | 3,836          | 9,167  | 155                  | 1,642  | 3,991                | 10,809 | 2,133                      | 12,942 |
| June ..                 | 3,801          | 9,198  | 140                  | 707    | 3,941                | 9,905  | 1,928                      | 11,833 |
| 1951-52—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July ..                 | 3,676          | 8,711  | 193                  | 1,269  | 3,869                | 9,980  | 1,812                      | 11,792 |
| August ..               | 3,780          | 9,545  | 185                  | 1,076  | 3,965                | 10,621 | 2,285                      | 12,906 |
| September ..            | 2,955          | 6,946  | 200                  | 1,818  | 3,155                | 8,764  | 1,423                      | 10,187 |
| October ..              | 3,199          | 8,295  | 157                  | 981    | 3,356                | 9,276  | 1,908                      | 11,184 |
| November ..             | 2,748          | 6,686  | 162                  | 1,008  | 2,910                | 7,694  | 1,690                      | 9,384  |
| December ..             | 1,752          | 4,280  | 105                  | 1,823  | 1,857                | 6,103  | 1,685                      | 7,788  |
| January ..              | 2,148          | 5,266  | 123                  | 1,090  | 2,271                | 6,356  | 1,256                      | 7,612  |
| February ..             | 2,369          | 5,655  | 170                  | 1,260  | 2,539                | 6,915  | 1,372                      | 8,287  |
| March ..                | 2,591          | 6,187  | 146                  | 926    | 2,737                | 7,113  | 1,736                      | 8,849  |
| April ..                | 2,191          | 5,733  | 163                  | 946    | 2,354                | 6,679  | 1,914                      | 8,593  |
| May ..                  | 2,326          | 5,729  | 182                  | 1,513  | 2,508                | 7,242  | 2,064                      | 9,306  |
| June ..                 | 3,098          | 7,402  | 197                  | 1,534  | 3,295                | 8,936  | 1,574                      | 10,510 |
| 1952-53—                |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July ..                 | 2,364          | 5,835  | 242                  | 1,146  | 2,606                | 6,981  | 1,563                      | 8,544  |
| August ..               | 2,128          | 5,209  | 371                  | 1,646  | 2,499                | 6,855  | 1,878                      | 8,733  |
| September ..            | 3,250          | 7,576  | 344                  | 2,038  | 3,594                | 9,614  | 2,242                      | 11,856 |
| October ..              | 2,407          | 6,015  | 442                  | 2,064  | 2,849                | 8,079  | 1,832                      | 9,911  |
| November ..             | 2,307          | 5,931  | 226                  | 1,741  | 2,533                | 7,672  | 1,645                      | 9,317  |
| December ..             | 2,118          | 5,403  | 226                  | 1,201  | 2,344                | 6,604  | 1,655                      | 8,259  |
| January ..              | 2,025          | 5,067  | 188                  | 1,247  | 2,213                | 6,314  | 1,293                      | 7,607  |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation was introduced. In Tasmania, control over building permits was discontinued from 31st December, 1946. In other States, controls have been progressively relaxed and have now virtually ceased to exist except in Western Australia, where approval is required for the erection of some new buildings, and in Victoria where control remains on demolitions and conversions of dwelling houses. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Australia.(a)            |                                 |                       | New South Wales.         |                     |                                   | Victoria.                |                        |                                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                         | Government.              | Private.                        |                       | Government. (b)          | Private.            |                                   | Government.              | Private.               |                                   |
|                         | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note B. |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)1,986                        | (d)627                | n.a.                     | 848                 | 416                               | n.a.                     | 667                    | 62                                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                     | (c)2,307                        | (d)764                | n.a.                     | 1,093               | 506                               | n.a.                     | 669                    | 78                                |
| 1938-39 ..              | 408                      | (c)2,353                        | (d)755                | 187                      | 1,111               | 495                               | 107                      | 702                    | 63                                |
| 1945-46 ..              | 1,057                    | (c)2,190                        | 1,147                 | 540                      | 943                 | 808                               | 381                      | 592                    | 61                                |
| 1946-47 ..              | 1,248                    | 4,084                           | (e)1,991              | 633                      | 1,768               | 1,301                             | 371                      | 1,195                  | 91                                |
| 1947-48 ..              | 2,009                    | 4,687                           | (f)3,151              | 1,044                    | 1,705               | (g)1,985                          | 545                      | 1,650                  | 126                               |
| 1948-49 ..              | 1,992                    | 5,577                           | 3,832                 | 904                      | 2,089               | 2,432                             | 675                      | 1,804                  | 211                               |
| 1949-50 ..              | 2,751                    | 7,129                           | 4,863                 | 985                      | 2,625               | 3,101                             | 1,067                    | 2,218                  | 217                               |
| 1950-51 ..              | 4,360                    | 10,426                          | h8,568                | 1,964                    | 3,610               | 4,519                             | 1,428                    | 3,187                  | i2,031                            |
| 1951-52 ..              | 3,631                    | 9,700                           | 7,877                 | 1,603                    | 2,679               | 3,717                             | 960                      | 2,831                  | 1,947                             |
| <b>1950-51—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| March Qtr.              | 4,558                    | 10,187                          | 8,538                 | 2,071                    | 3,732               | 4,718                             | 1,503                    | 2,986                  | 1,898                             |
| June ..                 | 4,981                    | 12,618                          | 10,128                | 1,850                    | 4,194               | 5,133                             | 1,797                    | 3,855                  | 2,542                             |
| <b>1951-52—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| September ..            | 4,443                    | 11,628                          | 9,673                 | 2,397                    | 3,456               | 4,907                             | 926                      | 3,571                  | 2,335                             |
| December ..             | 3,400                    | 9,452                           | 7,757                 | 1,357                    | 2,820               | 3,612                             | 946                      | 2,856                  | 1,840                             |
| March ..                | 3,096                    | 8,249                           | 6,706                 | 1,193                    | 2,120               | 2,859                             | 960                      | 2,380                  | 1,817                             |
| June ..                 | 3,589                    | 9,469                           | 7,371                 | 1,466                    | 2,320               | 3,490                             | 1,011                    | 2,517                  | 1,794                             |
| <b>1952-53—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| September ..            | 2,218                    | 9,711                           | 6,888                 | 772                      | 2,270               | 3,197                             | 780                      | 2,946                  | 1,653                             |
| December ..             |                          | 9,162                           |                       | 494                      | 2,646               | 3,232                             | 2,241                    | 2,757                  | 2,255                             |
| March ..                |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| <b>1952-53—</b>         |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |
| January ..              | n.a.                     | 7,607                           | n.a.                  | 868                      | 1,944               | 3,139                             | 658                      | 2,225                  |                                   |
| February ..             | n.a.                     |                                 | n.a.                  | 1,789                    | 2,937               | 3,353                             | 534                      | 2,904                  |                                   |
| March ..                | n.a.                     |                                 | n.a.                  |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                   |

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.  
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below. (h) See B below. (i) Includes all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs from September quarter, 1950.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.  
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.



# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)  
(£'000.)

| Period.                 | Queensland.             |                       |   | South Australia.        |                       |   | Western Australia.      |                    |   | Tasmania.               |                     |   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
|                         | Government.             |                       | Private.(a)<br>Other recorded areas.<br>See note C. | Government.(b)          |                       | Private.(a)<br>Other recorded areas.<br>See note D. | Government.             |                    | Private.(a)<br>Other recorded areas.<br>See note E. | Government.             |                     | Private.(a)<br>Other recorded areas.<br>See note F. |
|                         | Commonwealth and State. | Brisbane and Suburbs. |   | Commonwealth and State. | Adelaide and Suburbs. |   | Commonwealth and State. | Perth and Suburbs. |   | Commonwealth and State. | Hobart and Suburbs. |   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         |                       |   |                         |                       |   |                         |                    |   |                         |                     |   |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.                    | 153                   | 98  | n.a.                    | 118                   | 32  | n.a.                    | 168                | n.a.  | n.a.                    | 32                  | 19  |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.                    | 167                   | 114   | n.a.                    | 173                   | 48  | n.a.                    | 174                | n.a.  | n.a.                    | 31                  | 18  |
| 1938-39 ..              | 34                      | 171                   | 118   | 22                      | 192                   | 63  | 38                      | 145                | n.a.  | 20                      | 32                  | 16  |
| 1945-46 ..              | 34                      | 241                   | 193   | 46                      | 260                   | 51  | 39                      | 129                | 18  | 17                      | 25                  | 16  |
| 1946-47 ..              | 78                      | 455                   | 290   | 57                      | 379                   | 105   | 77                      | 187                | (c)60   | 32                      | (d) 100             | (e)144  |
| 1947-48 ..              | 141                     | 557                   | (f)692  | 132                     | 418                   | 91  | 115                     | 238                | 60  | 32                      | 119                 | 197   |
| 1948-49 ..              | 116                     | 610                   | 721   | 105                     | 564                   | 132   | 145                     | 338                | 70  | 47                      | 172                 | 266   |
| 1949-50 ..              | 198                     | 827                   | 868   | 217                     | 727                   | 188   | 197                     | 499                | 111   | 87                      | 233                 | 378   |
| 1950-51 ..              | 357                     | 1,106                 | 1,061   | 216                     | 1,174                 | 215   | 282                     | 1,027              | 274   | 113                     | 322                 | 468   |
| 1951-52 ..              | 228                     | 1,426                 | 1,107   | 377                     | 1,386                 | 265   | 379                     | 1,120              | 347   | 84                      | 258                 | 494   |
| <b>1950-51—</b>         |                         |                       |   |                         |                       |   |                         |                    |   |                         |                     |   |
| Dec. Qtr.               | 234                     | 983                   | 955   | 108                     | 914                   | 185   | 228                     | 830                | 221   | 168                     | 301                 | 429   |
| March ..                | 382                     | 1,294                 | 1,094   | 194                     | 1,008                 | 185   | 324                     | 931                | 261   | 84                      | 236                 | 382   |
| June ..                 | 644                     | 1,140                 | 1,196   | 231                     | 1,604                 | 289   | 337                     | 1,426              | 376   | 122                     | 399                 | 592   |
| <b>1951-52—</b>         |                         |                       |   |                         |                       |   |                         |                    |   |                         |                     |   |
| Sept. ..                | 181                     | 1,700                 | 1,219   | 482                     | 1,096                 | 227   | 348                     | 1,479              | 406   | 109                     | 326                 | 579   |
| Dec. ..                 | 329                     | 1,319                 | 1,109   | 272                     | 1,093                 | 291   | 451                     | 1,088              | 336   | 45                      | 276                 | 569   |
| March ..                | 133                     | 1,292                 | 1,093   | 326                     | 1,313                 | 239   | 321                     | 904                | 299   | 163                     | 240                 | 399   |
| June ..                 | 271                     | 1,391                 | 1,007   | 426                     | 2,044                 | 304   | 395                     | 1,007              | 349   | 20                      | 190                 | 427   |
| <b>1952-53—</b>         |                         |                       |   |                         |                       |   |                         |                    |   |                         |                     |   |
| Sept. ..                | 230                     | 1,862                 | 1,106   | 179                     | 1,370                 | 313   | 241                     | 966                | 285   | 16                      | 297                 | 334   |
| Dec. ..                 |                         | 1,089                 |   |                         | 1,215                 | 327   | 260                     | 1,207              | 306   | 15                      | 248                 | 277   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |                       |   |                         |                       |   |                         |                    |   |                         |                     |   |
| <b>1952-53—</b>         |                         |                       |   |                         |                       |   |                         |                    |   |                         |                     |   |
| December ..             | n.a.                    | 1,053                 |   | n.a.                    | 1,033                 | n.a.  | n.a.                    | 1,308              | 312   | 1                       | 222                 | 226   |
| January ..              | n.a.                    | 1,452                 |   | n.a.                    | 899                   | n.a.  | n.a.                    | 903                | 283   | 1                       | 184                 | 206   |
| February ..             | n.a.                    | 1,296                 |   | n.a.                    |                       | n.a.  | n.a.                    | 1,205              | 359   |                         |                     |   |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)  
(£'000.)

| Period.                   | Commenced. |        |        | Completed. |        |        | Under Construction at end of period. |         |         |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                           | Houses.    | Other. | Total. | Houses.    | Other. | Total. | Houses.                              | Other.  | Total.  |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |        |        |            |        |        |                                      |         |         |
| 1945-46.. ..              | n.a.       | n.a.   | n.a.   | 3,615      | 1,758  | 5,373  | 23,580                               | 9,806   | 33,386  |
| 1946-47.. ..              | 13,740     | 4,148  | 17,888 | 8,924      | 1,578  | 10,502 | 44,745                               | 21,255  | 66,000  |
| 1947-48.. ..              | 17,900     | 5,138  | 23,038 | 13,307     | 2,389  | 15,696 | 66,509                               | 33,588  | 100,097 |
| 1948-49.. ..              | 22,277     | 6,940  | 29,217 | 18,331     | 3,932  | 22,263 | 86,832                               | 49,135  | 135,967 |
| 1949-50.. ..              | 27,516     | 8,014  | 35,530 | 22,446     | 5,251  | 27,697 | 115,714                              | 61,189  | 176,903 |
| 1950-51p ..               | 40,478     | 14,615 | 55,093 | 31,222     | 6,258  | 37,480 | 162,481                              | 91,632  | 254,113 |
| 1951-52p ..               | 44,955     | 16,224 | 61,179 | 43,086     | 10,875 | 53,961 | 190,269                              | 125,534 | 315,803 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |        |        |            |        |        |                                      |         |         |
| 1950-51—                  |            |        |        |            |        |        |                                      |         |         |
| Dec. Qtr. ..              | 39,021     | 13,801 | 52,822 | 33,327     | 6,038  | 39,365 | 136,208                              | 77,515  | 213,723 |
| March „ ..                | 39,284     | 14,273 | 53,557 | 28,909     | 5,342  | 34,251 | 152,942                              | 83,597  | 236,539 |
| June „ p ..               | 46,500     | 18,728 | 65,228 | 34,659     | 7,654  | 42,313 | 162,481                              | 91,632  | 254,113 |
| 1951-52p—                 |            |        |        |            |        |        |                                      |         |         |
| Sept. „ ..                | 49,098     | 16,245 | 65,343 | 38,149     | 9,217  | 47,366 | 179,939                              | 104,823 | 284,762 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 46,656     | 15,473 | 62,129 | 45,348     | 9,560  | 54,908 | 185,573                              | 113,271 | 298,844 |
| March „ ..                | 43,190     | 15,122 | 58,312 | 41,505     | 10,753 | 52,258 | 192,867                              | 118,564 | 311,431 |
| June „ ..                 | 40,879     | 18,054 | 58,933 | 47,340     | 13,973 | 61,313 | 190,269                              | 125,534 | 315,803 |
| 1952-53p—                 |            |        |        |            |        |        |                                      |         |         |
| Sept. „ ..                | 37,145     | 13,091 | 50,236 | 48,446     | 16,882 | 65,328 | 183,116                              | 124,545 | 307,661 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 36,170     | 10,070 | 46,240 | 49,456     | 17,956 | 67,412 | 170,686                              | 118,472 | 289,158 |

# VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)  
(£'000.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.  |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1945-46.. ..              | 2,326            | 1,368     | 830         | 420              | 244                | 157       | 28                            | 5,373   |
| 1946-47.. ..              | 4,274            | 2,767     | 1,814       | 686              | 529                | 354       | 78                            | 10,502  |
| 1947-48.. ..              | 6,076            | 4,473     | 2,598       | 1,020            | 832                | 570       | 127                           | 15,696  |
| 1948-49.. ..              | 8,434            | 6,839     | 3,050       | 1,621            | 1,177              | 953       | 189                           | 22,263  |
| 1949-50.. ..              | 10,230           | 8,671     | 3,488       | 2,268            | 1,338              | 1,336     | 366                           | 27,697  |
| 1950-51.. ..              | p12,367          | 13,014    | 4,322       | 3,010            | 2,237              | 2,101     | 429                           | p37,480 |
| 1951-52.. ..              | p19,007          | 17,154    | 6,335       | 4,551            | 3,606              | 2,628     | 680                           | p53,961 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1950-51—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Dec. Qtr. ..              | 13,157           | 13,716    | 4,510       | 3,172            | 2,483              | 1,820     | 507                           | 39,365  |
| March „ ..                | 11,372           | 11,862    | 4,201       | 2,434            | 2,053              | 2,071     | 258                           | 34,251  |
| June „ ..                 | p13,769          | 15,063    | 4,519       | 3,540            | 2,521              | 2,334     | 567                           | p42,313 |
| 1951-52—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Sept. „ ..                | p14,850          | 16,548    | 5,618       | 4,044            | 2,940              | 2,780     | 586                           | p47,366 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 18,125           | 18,257    | 6,200       | 4,693            | 3,735              | 3,338     | 560                           | 54,908  |
| March „ ..                | 20,343           | 15,014    | 6,485       | 4,197            | 3,466              | 1,961     | 792                           | 52,258  |
| June „ ..                 | 22,710           | 18,796    | 7,036       | 5,269            | 4,285              | 2,432     | 785                           | 61,313  |
| 1952-53—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Sept. „ ..                | p22,427          | 21,047    | 6,252       | 6,232            | 5,735              | 2,867     | 768                           | p65,328 |
| Dec. „ ..                 | 24,604           | 18,943    | 6,892       | 6,860            | 6,448              | 2,700     | 965                           | 67,412  |

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period.                              | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| COMMENCED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1946-47.. ..                         | 4,430            | 3,245     | 2,231       | 817              | 601                | 411       | 81                            | 11,816  |
| 1947-48.. ..                         | 4,952            | 3,870     | 2,382       | 895              | 768                | 516       | 98                            | 13,481  |
| 1948-49.. ..                         | 5,323            | 4,122     | 2,340       | 1,140            | 961                | 712       | 134                           | 14,732  |
| 1949-50.. ..                         | 5,514            | 4,911     | 2,502       | 1,527            | 1,258              | 916       | 97                            | 16,725  |
| 1950-51.. ..                         | p6,292           | 6,737     | 2,675       | 1,991            | 1,742              | 1,030     | 219                           | p20,686 |
| 1951-52.. ..                         | p6,091           | 5,877     | 3,000       | 2,128            | 1,932              | 896       | 78                            | p20,002 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1950-51—Dec. Qtr.                    | 6,058            | 7,132     | 2,408       | 1,948            | 1,597              | 1,037     | 163                           | 20,343  |
| Mar. "                               | 6,166            | 6,010     | 2,577       | 1,741            | 1,969              | 1,031     | 228                           | 19,722  |
| June "                               | p6,802           | 6,936     | 2,967       | 2,083            | 1,788              | 1,086     | 364                           | p22,026 |
| 1951-52—Sept. "                      | p6,367           | 7,103     | 3,423       | 2,096            | 2,138              | 1,098     | 81                            | p22,306 |
| Dec. "                               | p6,323           | 6,410     | 2,981       | 1,998            | 2,039              | 1,016     | 64                            | p20,831 |
| Mar. "                               | p5,892           | 5,294     | 2,919       | 2,205            | 1,828              | 787       | 93                            | p19,018 |
| June "                               | p5,782           | 4,699     | 2,677       | 2,211            | 1,725              | 684       | 74                            | p17,852 |
| 1952-53—Sept. "                      | p4,496           | 3,623     | 2,929       | 2,321            | 1,674              | 574       | 83                            | p15,700 |
| Dec. "                               | p5,210           | 3,624     | 2,070       | 1,865            | 1,736              | 492       | 178                           | p15,175 |
| COMPLETED.                           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b>            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1945-46.. ..                         | 1,398            | 917       | 846         | 333              | 215                | 120       | 15                            | 3,844   |
| 1946-47.. ..                         | 3,047            | 1,858     | 1,937       | 557              | 448                | 268       | 37                            | 8,152   |
| 1947-48.. ..                         | 3,715            | 2,962     | 2,300       | 752              | 693                | 386       | 68                            | 10,876  |
| 1948-49.. ..                         | 4,466            | 3,570     | 2,338       | 997              | 811                | 572       | 81                            | 12,835  |
| 1949-50.. ..                         | 4,692            | 3,902     | 2,362       | 1,226            | 877                | 713       | 101                           | 13,873  |
| 1950-51.. ..                         | p4,943           | 5,290     | 2,569       | 1,680            | 1,290              | 979       | 144                           | p16,895 |
| 1951-52.. ..                         | p5,818           | 5,988     | 2,951       | 1,928            | 1,644              | 1,000     | 146                           | p19,475 |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>              |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1950-51—Dec. Qtr.                    | 5,688            | 5,781     | 2,744       | 1,897            | 1,481              | 870       | 181                           | 18,642  |
| Mar. "                               | 4,417            | 4,689     | 2,449       | 1,389            | 1,174              | 966       | 74                            | 15,158  |
| June "                               | p4,891           | 5,758     | 2,557       | 1,815            | 1,356              | 1,040     | 143                           | p17,560 |
| 1951-52—Sept. "                      | p5,030           | 6,151     | 2,878       | 1,768            | 1,380              | 1,071     | 135                           | p18,413 |
| Dec. "                               | p6,041           | 6,513     | 3,008       | 1,964            | 1,821              | 1,336     | 154                           | p20,837 |
| Mar. "                               | p6,080           | 5,231     | 3,049       | 1,754            | 1,477              | 705       | 121                           | p18,417 |
| June "                               | p6,122           | 6,056     | 2,868       | 2,225            | 1,899              | 887       | 174                           | p20,231 |
| 1952-53—Sept. "                      | p6,318           | 5,675     | 2,836       | 2,352            | 2,040              | 909       | 131                           | p20,261 |
| Dec. "                               | p6,038           | 5,564     | 2,663       | 2,476            | 2,314              | 983       | 213                           | p20,251 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1945-46 .. ..                        | 9,200            | 6,135     | 2,441       | 1,559            | 865                | 1,013     | 188                           | 21,401  |
| 1946-47 .. ..                        | 14,737           | 11,680    | 3,627       | 2,654            | 1,521              | 1,557     | 368                           | 36,144  |
| 1947-48 .. ..                        | 19,686           | 15,312    | 3,951       | 3,203            | 1,841              | 2,065     | 491                           | 46,549  |
| 1948-49 .. ..                        | 23,113           | 17,521    | 3,958       | 3,940            | 2,439              | 2,575     | 696                           | 54,242  |
| 1949-50 .. ..                        | 26,402           | 21,553    | 4,520       | 5,241            | 3,957              | 3,357     | 678                           | 65,708  |
| 1950-51 .. ..                        | p31,793          | 27,341    | 4,943       | 6,529            | 5,764              | 3,558     | 981                           | p50,909 |
| 1951-52 .. ..                        | p32,884          | 26,896    | 5,140       | 7,395            | 6,917              | 3,143     | 708                           | p33,083 |
| 1950-51—Dec. Qtr.                    | 28,133           | 24,842    | 4,405       | 5,892            | 4,537              | 3,447     | 606                           | 71,862  |
| Mar. "                               | 29,882           | 26,163    | 4,533       | 6,259            | 5,332              | 3,512     | 760                           | 76,441  |
| June "                               | p31,793          | 27,341    | 4,943       | 6,529            | 5,764              | 3,558     | 981                           | p80,909 |
| 1951-52—Sept. "                      | p33,130          | 28,293    | 5,488       | 6,875            | 6,522              | 3,584     | 927                           | p84,819 |
| Dec. "                               | p33,412          | 28,190    | 5,461       | 6,938            | 6,740              | 3,264     | 836                           | p84,841 |
| Mar. "                               | p33,224          | 28,253    | 5,331       | 7,411            | 7,091              | 3,346     | 808                           | p85,464 |
| June "                               | p32,884          | 26,896    | 5,140       | 7,395            | 6,917              | 3,143     | 708                           | p83,083 |
| 1952-53—Sept. "                      | p31,062          | 24,844    | 5,233       | 7,384            | 6,551              | 2,808     | 660                           | p78,542 |
| Dec. "                               | p30,234          | 22,889    | 4,640       | 6,786            | 5,973              | 2,317     | 626                           | p73,465 |

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period.                 | Black Coal.   |            |            | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. |                              | Metals.    |              |                |   |                      |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|---|----------------------|
|                         | Under-ground. | Open Cut.  | Total.     |             |                              | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig-iron.  | Ingot Steel. | Zinc, Refined. | Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b) | Copper, Refined. (b) |
|                         | '000 Tons.    | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons.  | '000 fine oz.                | Million cubic feet.    | Million kwh.                 | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons.   | Tons.          | Tons.                                       | Tons.                |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| 1936-37 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 977        | 258         | 108.2                        | 1,679                  | 331                          | 76.1       | 90.0         | 5,840          | 17,562                                      | 1,280                |
| 1937-38 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 990        | 300         | 123.3                        | 1,746                  | 363                          | 77.5       | 97.2         | 5,810          | 18,797                                      | 1,437                |
| 1938-39 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,051      | 267         | 135.1                        | 1,789                  | 391                          | 92.1       | 97.5         | 5,819          | 19,416                                      | 1,457                |
| 1945-46 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,052      | 461         | 57.8                         | 2,663                  | 576                          | 75.5       | 88.5         | 6,705          | 12,590                                      | 1,774                |
| 1946-47 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,178      | 490         | 77.2                         | 2,784                  | 627                          | 95.3       | 109.4        | 5,852          | 14,693                                      | 1,812                |
| 1947-48 ..              | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,231      | 535         | 75.5                         | 3,025                  | 697                          | 103.0      | 112.1        | 5,784          | 14,497                                      | 1,290                |
| 1948-49 ..              | 1,066         | 178        | 1,244      | 586         | 74.9                         | 3,061                  | 754                          | 87.1       | 98.2         | 6,298          | 17,017                                      | r934                 |
| 1949-50 ..              | 1,039         | 204        | 1,243      | 636         | 71.6                         | 2,908                  | 792                          | 91.5       | 101.5        | 6,981          | r15,784                                     | 968                  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 1,124         | 245        | 1,369      | 608         | 74.3                         | 3,075                  | 875                          | r109.4     | 120.3        | 6,478          | r15,682                                     | 936                  |
| 1951-52 p ..            | 1,244         | 354        | 1,598      | 675         | r75.7                        | 3,354                  | 942                          | 119.1      | 127.4        | 7,011          | r15,790                                     | 1,375                |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| 1950-51—                |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| February                | 932           | 221        | 1,153      | 558         | 62.7                         | 2,519                  | 799                          | 86.8       | 99.6         | 6,503          | 14,287                                      | 564                  |
| March ..                | 1,065         | 248        | 1,313      | 642         | 71.5                         | 2,792                  | 854                          | 99.4       | 109.6        | 6,240          | 17,686                                      | 918                  |
| April ..                | 1,184         | 259        | 1,443      | 628         | 75.0                         | 3,052                  | 872                          | 115.5      | 132.1        | 5,737          | 16,577                                      | 647                  |
| May ..                  | 1,184         | 342        | 1,526      | 703         | 74.5                         | 3,408                  | 927                          | 111.6      | 118.6        | 5,890          | 17,148                                      | 2,224                |
| June ..                 | 1,218         | 266        | 1,484      | 697         | 66.8                         | 3,513                  | 923                          | 107.0      | 117.9        | 5,705          | 15,993                                      | 759                  |
| 1951-52 p—              |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,345         | 307        | 1,652      | 721         | 57.5                         | 3,393                  | 997                          | 106.7      | 114.7        | 6,696          | 19,172                                      | 1,850                |
| August ..               | 1,381         | 358        | 1,739      | 715         | 77.4                         | 3,793                  | 1,004                        | 124.6      | 141.5        | 6,094          | 15,507                                      | 1,695                |
| September               | 1,244         | 327        | 1,571      | 675         | 82.1                         | 3,481                  | 912                          | 120.6      | 135.3        | 5,927          | 15,389                                      | 1,170                |
| October ..              | 1,416         | 439        | 1,855      | 708         | 79.0                         | 3,442                  | 948                          | 121.5      | 126.7        | 6,903          | 15,452                                      | 1,241                |
| November                | 1,355         | 404        | 1,759      | 668         | 80.7                         | 3,201                  | 936                          | 127.3      | 139.2        | 7,181          | 15,001                                      | 1,241                |
| December                | 998           | 319        | 1,317      | 550         | 75.9                         | 3,150                  | 871                          | 128.1      | 137.1        | 7,411          | 19,492                                      | 720                  |
| January ..              | 800           | 261        | 1,061      | 641         | 68.5                         | 3,004                  | 884                          | 129.8      | 140.1        | 7,296          | 16,491                                      | 1,437                |
| February                | 1,277         | 376        | 1,653      | 655         | 75.2                         | 2,992                  | 905                          | 119.4      | 128.6        | 6,844          | 14,604                                      | 677                  |
| March ..                | 1,336         | 407        | 1,743      | 730         | 72.1                         | 3,212                  | 952                          | 128.1      | 137.6        | 7,393          | 14,427                                      | 1,050                |
| April ..                | 1,218         | 351        | 1,569      | 649         | 79.4                         | 3,203                  | 914                          | 119.8      | 118.2        | 7,429          | 15,521                                      | 1,511                |
| May ..                  | 1,346         | 380        | 1,726      | 701         | 77.5                         | 3,643                  | 992                          | 96.7       | 92.1         | 7,729          | 17,904                                      | 1,387                |
| June ..                 | 1,224         | 313        | 1,537      | 684         | 83.6                         | 3,730                  | 988                          | 93.0       | 99.7         | 7,225          | 10,523                                      | 2,521                |
| 1952-53 p—              |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              |                |   |                      |
| July ..                 | 1,511         | 375        | 1,886      | 728         | 93.8                         | 4,068                  | 1,082                        | 122.3      | 147.2        | 7,269          | 19,014                                      | 788                  |
| August ..               | 1,296         | 278        | 1,574      | 717         | 69.6                         | 3,855                  | 1,039                        | 133.2      | 153.1        | 7,315          | 19,854                                      | 1,633                |
| September               | 1,430         | 385        | 1,815      | 655         | 80.9                         | 3,528                  | 992                          | 150.4      | 152.1        | 7,072          | 18,696                                      | 1,077                |
| October ..              | 1,514         | 359        | 1,873      | 667         | 101.6                        | 3,473                  | 1,018                        | 157.8      | 166.0        | 7,338          | 18,698                                      | 1,788                |
| November                | 1,327         | 324        | 1,651      | 680         | 82.9                         | 3,271                  | 965                          | 144.2      | 154.5        | 7,116          | 18,729                                      | 2,250                |
| December                | 1,082         | 271        | 1,353      | 596         | 97.1                         | 3,206                  | 972                          | 140.7      | 153.8        | 7,420          | 12,843                                      | 933                  |
| January ..              | 896           | 184        | 1,080      | 620         | 81.6                         | 3,011                  | 940                          | 134.3      | 157.1        | 7,368          | 3,202                                       | 348                  |
| February                |               |            | 1,535      | 646         | 79.3                         | 2,863                  | 947                          | 133.9      | 145.1        | 6,715          | 8,085                                       |                      |
| March ..                |               |            | 1,570      |             |                              |                        |                              |            |              | 7,422          |   |                      |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source Australian Mines and Metals Association.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period.                 | Building Materials. |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         | Cooking Stoves. |         |               | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                         | Clay Bricks.        | Roofing Tiles. |         | Cement Building Sheets. | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas.(b) | Electric. (c) |                         |
|                         |                     | Terra-cotta.   | Cement. |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
|                         | Million.            | '000.          | '000.   | '000 sq. yds. (d)       | Million sup. ft.        | '000 tons.       | '000 sq. yds.           | No.             | No.     | No.           | No.                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1936-37 ..              | 53.1                | 2,630          | 326     | 522                     | 53.6                    | 60.0             | 567                     | n.a.            | n.a.    | n.a.          | n.a.                    |
| 1937-38 ..              | 57.4                | 3,023          | 430     | 678                     | 62.2                    | 71.0             | 619                     | 4,562           | 3,481   | 749           | 1,257                   |
| 1938-39 ..              | 60.0                | 3,307          | 374     | 791                     | 59.8                    | 72.3             | 634                     | 4,538           | 3,894   | 730           | 2,458                   |
| 1945-46 ..              | 25.4                | 1,961          | 203     | 1,322                   | 74.2                    | 60.3             | 451                     | 3,864           | 1,839   | (e) 688       | 3,384                   |
| 1946-47 ..              | 41.4                | 3,118          | 561     | 1,610                   | 87.3                    | 73.5             | 755                     | 3,629           | 2,264   | 894           | 5,711                   |
| 1947-48 ..              | 48.2                | 3,483          | 1,689   | 1,641                   | 93.1                    | 84.4             | 977                     | 4,438           | 3,309   | 2,532         | 9,362                   |
| 1948-49 ..              | 51.4                | 3,680          | 2,358   | 1,547                   | 98.7                    | 86.0             | 1,103                   | 5,120           | 4,130   | 3,494         | 12,134                  |
| 1949-50 ..              | 50.3                | 3,785          | 3,387   | 1,529                   | 101.9                   | 97.3             | 1,105                   | 5,155           | 3,892   | 2,865         | 13,528                  |
| 1950-51 ..              | 57.3                | 3,918          | 4,230   | 1,771                   | 105.1                   | 102.9            | 1,265                   | 6,208           | 4,642   | 3,733         | 16,994                  |
| 1951-52p ..             | 56.9                | 4,128          | 5,509   | 1,944                   | 117.5                   | 105.0            | 1,306                   | 6,055           | 4,328   | 4,305         | 15,999                  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| 1950-51—                |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| February                | 55.9                | 4,127          | 4,126   | 1,817                   | 93.5                    | 100.0            | 1,278                   | 6,403           | 5,233   | 3,793         | 15,790                  |
| March ..                | 55.7                | 3,965          | 4,159   | 1,674                   | 99.4                    | 102.9            | 1,236                   | 6,216           | 5,060   | 4,456         | 16,816                  |
| April ..                | 59.0                | 3,972          | 4,345   | 1,790                   | 113.1                   | 109.4            | 1,269                   | 6,266           | 5,045   | 3,631         | 16,123                  |
| May ..                  | 64.4                | 4,156          | 4,922   | 2,024                   | 124.5                   | 120.0            | 1,330                   | 7,230           | 6,200   | 4,152         | 17,858                  |
| June ..                 | 56.7                | 3,742          | 4,740   | 1,971                   | 118.3                   | 105.4            | 1,278                   | 6,411           | 4,571   | 3,780         | 18,213                  |
| 1951-52p—               |                     |                |         |                         | (f)                     |                  | (f)                     |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..                 | 56.8                | 3,710          | 5,384   | 2,083                   | 108.0                   | 107.8            | 1,345                   | 6,685           | 5,132   | 4,679         | 19,628                  |
| August ..               | 64.8                | 4,187          | 5,683   | 1,696                   | 126.1                   | 91.3             | 1,389                   | 6,887           | 5,790   | 4,741         | 20,553                  |
| September               | 57.7                | 4,021          | 5,671   | 2,041                   | 122.4                   | 98.7             | 1,341                   | 6,438           | 4,804   | 4,847         | 18,967                  |
| October..               | 64.2                | 4,684          | 6,126   | 2,033                   | 127.4                   | 122.0            | 1,464                   | 7,216           | 5,502   | 5,014         | 20,643                  |
| November                | 62.2                | 4,291          | 6,149   | 2,013                   | 131.1                   | 116.8            | 1,389                   | 7,453           | 5,313   | 6,732         | 21,693                  |
| December                | 44.7                | 3,299          | 4,949   | 1,685                   | 111.6                   | 78.7             | 1,037                   | 5,668           | 3,288   | 3,397         | 14,235                  |
| January ..              | 44.3                | 3,138          | 4,742   | 1,298                   | 105.9                   | 71.4             | 1,045                   | 4,697           | 3,568   | 3,201         | 12,642                  |
| February                | 60.0                | 4,342          | 5,851   | 2,079                   | 115.2                   | 110.8            | 1,371                   | 5,938           | 4,189   | 4,436         | 17,241                  |
| March ..                | 58.1                | 4,364          | 5,619   | 2,234                   | 121.4                   | 117.1            | 1,369                   | 5,750           | 4,155   | 4,418         | 12,686                  |
| April ..                | 54.6                | 4,429          | 5,263   | 1,826                   | 103.5                   | 105.8            | 1,245                   | 5,095           | 3,059   | 3,601         | 12,148                  |
| May ..                  | 61.0                | 4,526          | 5,558   | 2,324                   | 117.6                   | 126.2            | 1,384                   | 5,497           | 4,462   | 3,576         | 11,952                  |
| June ..                 | 54.0                | 4,541          | 5,122   | 2,014                   | 120.2                   | 113.6            | 1,292                   | 5,334           | 2,673   | 3,016         | 9,597                   |
| 1952-53p—               |                     |                |         |                         |                         |                  |                         |                 |         |               |                         |
| July ..                 | 59.9                | 4,874          | 4,865   | 2,107                   | 120.6                   | 100.2            | 1,325                   | 6,037           | 2,762   | 2,409         | 9,202                   |
| August ..               | 53.0                | 4,435          | 4,605   | 2,147                   | 113.7                   | 101.5            | 1,388                   | 4,560           | 2,315   | 1,504         | 8,362                   |
| September               | 56.2                | 5,132          | 4,601   | 1,997                   | 109.7                   | 124.0            | 1,478                   | 3,862           | 2,782   | 1,635         | 12,193                  |
| October..               | 57.7                | 5,293          | 5,066   | 2,186                   | 130.5                   | 126.8            | 1,487                   | 4,407           | 2,972   | 2,052         | 17,833                  |
| November                | 53.0                | 4,775          | 4,722   | 2,521                   | 113.8                   | 126.9            | 1,369                   | 3,528           | 3,064   | 1,564         | 21,755                  |
| December                | 46.0                | 4,126          | 3,507   | 1,442                   | 100.5                   | 111.4            | 1,151                   | 3,026           | 2,289   | 1,431         | 21,293                  |
| January                 |                     |                |         |                         | 84.0                    | 99.7             | 1,075                   | 2,537           | 2,301   | 1,200         | 16,803                  |
| February                |                     |                |         |                         | 93.7                    | 106.7            | 1,357                   | 3,434           | 3,123   | 1,625         | 17,778                  |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Average of six months' production.

(f) Partly estimated.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period.                 | Cotton Textiles. |   | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles.<br>Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills. |             |                  | Boots and Shoes (not rubber). | Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'. |
|-------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|--|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                         | Cotton Yarn.     | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). |                     | Scoured Wool.(a)   | Yarn.       | Woven Cloth.     |                               |   |
|                         |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
|                         | '000 lb.         | '000 sq. yds.                                       | '000 sq. yds.       | Million lb.  | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs.                   | '000 doz.                                     |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| 1936-37.. ..            | 730              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.4  | 2.14        | 2.04             | 1,208                         | 60.6  |
| 1937-38.. ..            | 965              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 7.9  | 2.51        | 2.47             | 1,176                         | 69.1  |
| 1938-39.. ..            | 974              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.8  | 2.71        | 2.65             | 1,164                         | 56.2  |
| 1945-46.. ..            | 2,045            | n.a.  | n.a.                | 12.8   | 3.97        | 2.90             | 1,170                         | 52.8  |
| 1946-47.. ..            | 2,257            | 2,117   | n.a.                | 15.3   | 4.13        | 3.18             | 1,306                         | 58.3  |
| 1947-48.. ..            | 2,368            | 1,960   | 369.2               | 14.8   | 4.28        | 3.42             | 1,351                         | 65.8  |
| 1948-49.. ..            | 2,290            | 2,133   | 475.5               | 13.5   | 4.24        | 3.40             | 1,287                         | 71.3  |
| 1949-50.. ..            | 2,519            | 2,399   | 548.5               | 14.4   | 4.09        | 3.09             | 1,284                         | 73.7  |
| 1950-51.. ..            | 2,971            | 2,525   | 905.0               | 12.7   | 3.90        | 3.14             | 1,363                         | 83.8  |
| 1951-52 p ..            | 2,916            | 2,795   | 913.7               | 9.9  | 3.08        | 2.46             | 1,383                         | 81.0  |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| 1950-51—                |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| March .. ..             | 2,682            | 2,346   | 1,012.7             | 12.7   | 3.62        | 3.00             | 1,314                         | 82.5  |
| April .. ..             | 2,917            | 2,559   | 985.4               | 13.0   | 3.71        | 3.19             | 1,369                         | 77.1  |
| May .. ..               | 3,547            | 2,713   | 1,025.9             | 13.8   | 4.26        | 3.35             | 1,519                         | 94.5  |
| June .. ..              | 3,049            | 2,680   | 968.0               | 14.2   | 4.23        | 3.25             | 1,477                         | 87.8  |
| 1951-52 p—              |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| July .. ..              | 3,441            | 2,972   | 1,192.9             | 11.5   | 4.09        | 3.09             | 1,545                         | 90.1  |
| August .. ..            | 3,487            | 3,192   | 1,280.8             | 10.5   | 4.43        | 3.22             | 1,622                         | 107.2   |
| September ..            | 3,192            | 2,874   | 982.4               | 8.7  | 4.14        | 3.17             | 1,506                         | 87.5  |
| October .. ..           | 3,583            | 3,138   | 1,062.6             | 10.7   | 4.36        | 3.16             | 1,636                         | 106.2   |
| November ..             | 3,524            | 3,047   | 1,049.7             | 10.4   | 3.69        | 2.85             | 1,564                         | 107.2   |
| December ..             | 2,373            | 2,084   | 558.0               | 8.1  | 2.35        | 1.93             | 1,042                         | 80.2  |
| January .. ..           | 2,279            | 2,183   | 789.0               | 8.7  | 2.08        | 1.81             | 988                           | 54.6  |
| February ..             | 2,862            | 2,949   | 947.1               | 9.8  | 2.67        | 2.49             | 1,377                         | 82.3  |
| March .. ..             | 2,743            | 2,920   | 815.3               | 10.1   | 2.53        | 2.30             | 1,402                         | 68.5  |
| April .. ..             | 2,577            | 2,720   | 719.4               | 9.2  | 1.97        | 1.77             | 1,220                         | 64.5  |
| May .. ..               | 2,426            | 2,730   | 799.5               | 10.6   | 2.35        | 1.93             | 1,388                         | 65.6  |
| June .. ..              | 2,504            | 2,733   | 768.1               | 10.6   | 2.30        | 1.74             | 1,306                         | 58.8  |
| 1952-53 p—              |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,705            | 2,715   | 1,047.6             | 10.1   | 2.28        | 1.70             | 1,475                         | 73.6  |
| August .. ..            | 2,253            | 1,949   | 1,102.8             | 8.2  | 2.43        | 1.76             | 1,382                         | 64.0  |
| September ..            | 2,397            | 2,041   | 1,100.0             | 7.7  | 2.52        | 2.05             | 1,414                         | 65.3  |
| October .. ..           | 2,555            | 2,172   | 1,341.9             | 9.9  | 2.74        | 2.42             | 1,467                         | 72.5  |
| November ..             | 2,153            | 1,841   | 1,278.1             | 10.0   | 2.87        | 2.57             | 1,337                         | 65.9  |
| December ..             | 1,789            | 1,552   | 966.7               | 9.6  | 2.54        | 2.05             | 1,084                         | 52.1  |
| January .. ..           | 1,415            | 1,271   | 901.3               | 8.0  | 2.00        | 1.74             | 805                           | 27.1  |
| February ..             | 2,104            | 1,855   | 1,308.6             | 10.3   | 3.21        | 2.81             | 1,297                         | 53.5  |
| March .. ..             | 2,434            | 1,847   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |

(a) Includes carbonized wool.



# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

| Period.                 | Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills. |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                         | Hosiery.                              |                             |                  | Knitted Underwear. |             |                   |
|                         | Men's and Boys'.                      | Women's, Maids' and Girls'. | Children's.      | Men's.             | Women's.(a) | Boys' and Girls'. |
|                         | '000 doz. pairs.                      | '000 doz. pairs.            | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz.          | '000 doz.   | '000 doz.         |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 83.1                                  | 157.1                       | 49.1             |                    | 153.8       |                   |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 86.7                                  | 183.7                       | 52.0             |                    | 178.5       |                   |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 91.9                                  | 178.0                       | 51.0             |                    | 176.8       |                   |
| 1945-46 .. ..           | 95.7                                  | 99.6                        | 45.4             | 41.5               | 91.2        | 30.0              |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 106.4                                 | 121.6                       | 43.0             | 49.3               | 103.0       | 36.1              |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 105.4                                 | 130.6                       | 59.8             | 52.3               | 110.7       | 40.9              |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 106.3                                 | 128.0                       | 58.8             | 55.6               | 105.7       | 36.4              |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | r99.3                                 | 142.4                       | 54.7             | 71.9               | 103.4       | 47.7              |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 126.5                                 | 154.7                       | 56.2             | 64.5               | 126.7       | 66.3              |
| 1951-52 p .. ..         | 118.2                                 | r153.0                      | 43.2             | 64.6               | 127.0       | 50.4              |
| <b>Monthly Total —</b>  |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| 1950-51—                |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| March .. ..             | 116.1                                 | 150.3                       | 58.7             | 56.9               | 106.6       | 61.9              |
| April .. ..             | 139.8                                 | 160.0                       | 55.1             | 66.6               | 139.1       | 69.9              |
| May .. ..               | 146.3                                 | 173.2                       | 63.1             | 76.0               | 144.2       | 79.1              |
| June .. ..              | 136.0                                 | 172.4                       | 54.2             | 74.9               | 139.2       | 69.0              |
| 1951-52 p—              |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| July .. ..              | 150.3                                 | 183.1                       | 54.1             | 78.5               | 144.1       | 58.0              |
| August .. ..            | 157.9                                 | 185.0                       | 59.5             | 89.8               | 156.5       | 77.5              |
| September .. ..         | 145.4                                 | 173.6                       | 49.0             | 79.2               | 149.0       | 62.2              |
| October .. ..           | 163.5                                 | 197.6                       | 57.4             | 91.3               | 168.7       | 79.4              |
| November .. ..          | 132.9                                 | 169.5                       | 49.3             | 77.0               | 156.7       | 60.4              |
| December .. ..          | 102.8                                 | 121.8                       | 35.6             | 54.0               | 106.5       | 38.1              |
| January .. ..           | 69.8                                  | r106.4                      | 36.5             | 44.1               | 83.0        | 33.5              |
| February .. ..          | 109.1                                 | 143.8                       | 36.0             | 56.5               | 131.6       | 47.2              |
| March .. ..             | 99.2                                  | 133.2                       | 36.7             | 54.8               | 118.4       | 39.2              |
| April .. ..             | 85.0                                  | 116.1                       | 31.0             | 50.0               | 104.8       | 32.2              |
| May .. ..               | 98.4                                  | r151.1                      | 36.2             | 49.3               | 106.7       | 38.8              |
| June .. ..              | 103.6                                 | 154.7                       | 37.0             | 50.5               | 98.4        | 38.5              |
| 1952-53 p—              |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| July .. ..              | 119.7                                 | 179.9                       | 29.8             | (b) 64.4           | (c) 126.7   | 36.2              |
| August .. ..            | 118.0                                 | 170.4                       | 25.7             | 63.0               | 112.1       | 36.6              |
| September .. ..         | 132.4                                 | 196.8                       | 35.0             | 70.1               | 134.0       | 36.5              |
| October .. ..           | 149.9                                 | 210.9                       | 38.1             | 71.7               | 142.7       | 43.7              |
| November .. ..          | 136.0                                 | 194.1                       | 33.9             | 62.8               | 127.2       | 41.8              |
| December .. ..          | 117.8                                 | 167.8                       | 29.9             | 54.7               | 115.1       | 38.7              |
| January .. ..           | 83.8                                  | 121.8                       | 20.3             | 38.3               | 71.6        | 28.3              |
| February .. ..          | 134.9                                 | 198.6                       | 38.1             | 54.5               | 124.0       | 47.7              |

(a) Excludes Women's and Girls' Nightwear. maids'".

(b) Collected as "men's and youths'".

(c) Collected as "women's and

# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period.                     | Wheaten<br>Flour.      | Refined<br>Sugar. | Whole<br>Milk<br>for All<br>Purposes. | Dairy Products (Factory<br>Production). |         |   | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)      |               |               |                                 |               | Beer.         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---------|---|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                             |                        |                   |                                       | Butter.                                 | Cheese. | Processed<br>Full<br>Cream<br>Milk<br>Products. | Beef (in-<br>cluding<br>Veal). | Mutton.       | Lamb.         | Total<br>Pigmeats<br>(as Pork). | Total.<br>(d) |               |
|                             | '000<br>Short<br>Tons. | '000<br>Tons.     | Million<br>Gals.                      | Tons.                                   | Tons.   | '000<br>Gals.<br>Whole<br>Milk<br>Equiv.        | '000<br>Tons.                  | '000<br>Tons. | '000<br>Tons. | '000<br>Tons.                   | '000<br>Tons. | '000<br>gals. |
| <b>Monthly<br/>Average—</b> |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| 1936-37                     | 102.4                  | 27.0              | 89.9                                  | 13,908                                  | 1,636   | n.a.  | 45.9                           | 16.0          | 9.94          | 7.71                            | 79.6          | 6,261         |
| 1937-38                     | 104.2                  | 28.9              | 96.4                                  | 15,242                                  | 2,018   | n.a.  | 49.7                           | 17.2          | 9.92          | 7.16                            | 84.0          | 7,084         |
| 1938-39                     | 114.4                  | 28.2              | 99.1                                  | 16,232                                  | 2,415   | 2,781   | 46.6                           | 17.1          | 9.55          | 7.24                            | 80.5          | 7,523         |
| 1945-46                     | 101.6                  | 35.7              | 89.8                                  | 12,131                                  | 3,414   | 5,443   | 33.9                           | 16.5          | 7.74          | 9.00                            | 67.1          | 9,033         |
| 1946-47                     | 124.1                  | 35.2              | 90.0                                  | 11,568                                  | 3,518   | 5,871   | 40.6                           | 15.2          | 10.00         | 7.91                            | 73.8          | 10,657        |
| 1947-48                     | 133.2                  | 36.3              | 97.8                                  | 13,132                                  | 3,453   | 6,509   | 46.8                           | 13.8          | 10.80         | 7.48                            | 78.9          | 10,561        |
| 1948-49                     | 139.9                  | 35.7              | 101.1                                 | 13,424                                  | 3,596   | 7,304   | 48.1                           | 15.1          | 11.59         | 7.82                            | 82.6          | 12,171        |
| 1949-50                     | 125.8                  | 35.2              | 103.5                                 | 14,037                                  | 3,731   | 7,464   | 50.5                           | 17.2          | 12.69         | 7.52                            | 87.9          | 13,009        |
| 1950-51                     | 141.3                  | 37.6              | 100.0                                 | 13,303                                  | 3,692   | 7,069   | 54.3                           | 13.5          | 9.37          | 7.11                            | 84.3          | 14,397        |
| 1951-52p                    | 140.6                  | 41.6              | 88.2                                  | 10,959                                  | 3,370   | 6,525   | 48.7                           | 14.3          | 8.82          | 6.84                            | 78.7          | 15,400        |
| <b>Monthly<br/>Total—</b>   |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| 1950-51—                    |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| Feb. ..                     | 133.4                  | 33.7              | 100.1                                 | 13,791                                  | 2,783   | 6,949   | 47.3                           | 16.2          | 7.23          | 6.82                            | 77.5          | 13,747        |
| March ..                    | 139.5                  | 37.8              | 93.9                                  | 12,619                                  | 2,612   | 5,603   | 52.8                           | 14.2          | 6.59          | 7.58                            | 81.2          | 14,557        |
| April ..                    | 139.9                  | 36.9              | 72.0                                  | 8,841                                   | 1,635   | 3,961   | 57.8                           | 13.4          | 6.49          | 7.25                            | 84.9          | 14,496        |
| May ..                      | 155.4                  | 39.9              | 59.7                                  | 6,584                                   | 1,325   | 3,520   | 67.4                           | 12.1          | 6.29          | 8.39                            | 94.2          | 15,443        |
| June ..                     | 155.8                  | 37.3              | 55.2                                  | 5,734                                   | 1,442   | 3,725   | 62.6                           | 10.2          | 5.12          | 6.69                            | 84.6          | 13,762        |
| 1951-52p—                   |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| July ..                     | 168.2                  | 39.6              | 63.5                                  | 7,017                                   | 2,131   | 4,002   | 62.6                           | 10.3          | 4.57          | 6.89                            | 84.4          | 14,703        |
| Aug. ..                     | 156.9                  | 45.2              | 77.5                                  | 9,135                                   | 3,042   | 5,570   | 63.1                           | 10.8          | 6.06          | 7.10                            | 87.0          | 15,351        |
| Sept. ..                    | 145.9                  | 43.2              | 95.4                                  | 11,541                                  | 4,653   | 7,993   | 52.4                           | 11.0          | 7.75          | 6.27                            | 77.4          | 14,318        |
| Oct. ..                     | 147.2                  | 44.9              | 126.5                                 | 16,797                                  | 6,269   | 10,852  | 45.6                           | 12.6          | 12.86         | 6.72                            | 77.7          | 16,003        |
| Nov. ..                     | 143.2                  | 43.8              | 123.2                                 | 16,103                                  | 6,089   | 10,789  | 44.5                           | 16.0          | 15.47         | 7.80                            | 83.8          | 15,989        |
| Dec. ..                     | 125.9                  | 35.6              | 109.6                                 | 13,939                                  | 5,136   | 9,527   | 38.8                           | 16.6          | 11.86         | 7.95                            | 75.2          | 15,499        |
| Jan. ..                     | 145.1                  | 40.1              | 97.4                                  | 12,381                                  | 3,698   | 7,770   | 40.6                           | 17.4          | 9.73          | 6.04                            | 73.8          | 17,179        |
| Feb. ..                     | 136.9                  | 45.2              | 78.5                                  | 9,536                                   | 2,430   | 5,862   | 45.2                           | 18.3          | 8.35          | 6.80                            | 78.6          | 16,240        |
| March ..                    | 134.7                  | 43.4              | 80.8                                  | 10,225                                  | 2,156   | 5,052   | 42.2                           | 16.0          | 7.72          | 6.79                            | 72.7          | 16,460        |
| April ..                    | 114.0                  | 36.5              | 73.9                                  | 9,149                                   | 1,676   | 4,296   | 40.5                           | 13.6          | 7.44          | 7.11                            | 68.6          | 15,184        |
| May ..                      | 139.3                  | 42.3              | 68.5                                  | 8,228                                   | 1,562   | 3,520   | 52.3                           | 14.6          | 6.99          | 6.89                            | 80.8          | 14,832        |
| June ..                     | 129.8                  | 39.3              | 64.3                                  | 7,451                                   | 1,601   | 3,062   | 57.3                           | 13.9          | 7.06          | 5.77                            | 84.0          | 13,037        |
| 1952-53p—                   |                        |                   |                                       |   |         |   |                                |               |               |                                 |               |               |
| July ..                     | 138.2                  | 48.6              | 68.2                                  | 7,857                                   | 2,226   | 3,537   | 60.1                           | 14.7          | 7.92          | 6.27                            | 89.0          | 15,355        |
| Aug. ..                     | 139.3                  | 42.4              | 84.2                                  | 10,317                                  | 3,620   | 5,200   | 53.4                           | 14.8          | 9.02          | 5.84                            | 83.0          | 15,180        |
| Sept. ..                    | 135.9                  | 42.4              | 113.7                                 | 15,129                                  | 5,267   | 8,846   | 51.9                           | 17.8          | 12.08         | 6.31                            | 88.1          | 16,301        |
| Oct. ..                     | 139.1                  | 39.1              | 140.3                                 | 19,315                                  | 6,865   | 12,048  | 56.5                           | 21.8          | 21.46         | 6.74                            | 106.5         | 16,817        |
| Nov. ..                     | 139.2                  | 30.2              | 142.3                                 | 19,455                                  | 6,952   | 13,282  | 50.8                           | 20.3          | 22.38         | 6.73                            | 100.2         | 13,876        |
| Dec. ..                     | 125.4                  | 26.2              | 140.6                                 | 19,525                                  | 6,322   | 12,502  | 54.0                           | 23.5          | 18.59         | 9.15                            | 105.3         | 19,096        |
| Jan. ..                     | 144.8                  | 28.3              | 121.9                                 | 16,895                                  | 4,889   | 9,384   | 49.5                           | 24.0          | 10.81         | 5.95                            | 90.3          | 18,740        |
| Feb. ..                     | 142.5                  |                   | 106.8                                 | 15,046                                  | 3,299   | 6,854   | 50.1                           | 24.2          | 8.97          | 5.85                            | 89.1          | 16,790        |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Excludes casein and sterilized cream.  
(c) Cured weight (d) In terms of fresh meat.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period.                 | Tobacco,<br>Cigars and<br>Cigarettes.<br>(a) | Chemicals and Allied Products. |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          | Motor Bodies.                |            |       | Pneumatic<br>Tyres—<br>Motor<br>Cycle,<br>Car,<br>Truck,<br>Aero, &c. |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------|---|
|                         |  | Sulphuric<br>Acid<br>(100%).   | Super-<br>phosphate. | Paints.                   |                                  |  | Sedans<br>and<br>Coupes. | Tourers<br>and<br>Roadsters. | Utilities. |       |   |
|                         |  |                                |                      | Ready-<br>Mixed<br>Paint. | Lacquers<br>Nitro-<br>Cellulose. | Enamels<br>and<br>Synthetic<br>Finishes. |                          |                              |            |       |   |
|                         | '000 lb.                                     | '000<br>Tons.                  | '000<br>Tons.        | '000<br>Gals.             | '000<br>Gals.                    | '000<br>Gals.                            | No.                      | No.                          | No.        | '000. |   |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 1,805  | 36.4                           | 90.9                 | 161                       | n.a.                             | n.a.                                     | 3,660                    | 478                          | 610        | n.a.  |   |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 1,904  | 41.3                           | 102.8                | 170                       | 60                               | 39                                       | 4,032                    | 804                          | 518        | n.a.  |   |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 1,939  | 40.8                           | 100.0                | 176                       | 48                               | 48                                       | 3,426                    | 816                          | 715        | n.a.  |   |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| 1945-46 .. ..           | 2,208  | 33.7                           | 92.1                 | 264                       | 52                               | 82                                       | 68                       | 163                          | 165        | 94    |   |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 2,534  | 38.3                           | 97.5                 | 233                       | 63                               | 94                                       | 1,199                    | 496                          | 528        | 141   |   |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 2,502  | 40.4                           | 98.8                 | 291                       | 74                               | 116                                      | 1,874                    | 536                          | 786        | 142   |   |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 2,427  | 48.8                           | 118.6                | 308                       | 69                               | 143                                      | 2,131                    | 487                          | 798        | 143   |   |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 2,558  | 51.0                           | 123.6                | 330                       | 78                               | 186                                      | 2,347                    | 333                          | 1,174      | 164   |   |
| 1950-51 p ..            | 2,652  | 53.3                           | 129.0                | 469                       | 96                               | 158                                      | 2,952                    | 387                          | 1,854      | 189   |   |
| 1951-52 p ..            | 2,684  | 54.3                           | 133.1                | 427                       | 98                               | 177                                      | 3,493                    | 436                          | 1,872      | 213   |   |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| 1950-51 —               |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| March .. ..             | 2,704  | 52.7                           | 124.1                | 510                       | 91                               | 161                                      | 2,622                    | 321                          | 1,828      | 185   |   |
| April .. ..             | 2,748  | 53.2                           | 130.9                | 545                       | 104                              | 151                                      | 2,730                    | 344                          | 2,129      | 190   |   |
| May .. ..               | 3,003  | 60.9                           | 160.3                | 510                       | 114                              | 188                                      | 2,986                    | 401                          | 1,938      | 210   |   |
| June .. ..              | 2,537  | 59.2                           | 142.6                | 531                       | 94                               | 174                                      | 3,209                    | 520                          | 2,172      | 194   |   |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| 1951-52 p—              |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,741  | 55.5                           | 123.5                | 550                       | 100                              | 202                                      | 3,487                    | 909                          | 2,160      | 201   |   |
| August .. ..            | 2,976  | 57.0                           | 151.9                | 550                       | 111                              | 215                                      | 3,815                    | 634                          | 2,166      | 224   |   |
| September ..            | 3,989  | 47.5                           | 113.3                | 552                       | 111                              | 203                                      | 3,429                    | (b)                          | 2,216      | 212   |   |
| October .. ..           | 1,382  | 54.4                           | 137.5                | 560                       | 110                              | 215                                      | 3,606                    | (b)                          | 2,165      | 207   |   |
| November ..             | 3,095  | 51.4                           | 124.2                | 513                       | 111                              | 212                                      | 3,749                    | (b)                          | 1,995      | 247   |   |
| December ..             | 2,394  | 54.6                           | 118.7                | 327                       | 82                               | 150                                      | 2,764                    | (b)                          | 1,500      | 162   |   |
| January .. ..           | 2,410  | 58.8                           | 150.7                | 316                       | 88                               | 154                                      | 2,166                    | (b)                          | 1,493      | 175   |   |
| February ..             | 2,550  | 49.6                           | 128.7                | 411                       | 100                              | 173                                      | 3,844                    | (b)                          | 1,957      | 228   |   |
| March .. ..             | 2,949  | 57.8                           | 136.6                | 367                       | 107                              | 168                                      | 3,572                    | (b)                          | 1,644      | 245   |   |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| April .. ..             | 2,597  | 61.1                           | 152.1                | 336                       | 87                               | 147                                      | 3,524                    | 178                          | 1,503      | 208   |   |
| May .. ..               | 2,864  | 54.1                           | 127.1                | 356                       | 91                               | 155                                      | 4,238                    | (b)                          | 1,944      | 244   |   |
| June .. ..              | 2,260  | 49.8                           | 132.7                | 290                       | 75                               | 134                                      | 3,723                    | (b)                          | 1,717      | 203   |   |
|                         |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| 1952-53 p—              |  |                                |                      |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            |       |   |
| July .. ..              | 2,933  | 49.6                           | 123.4                | 273                       | 76                               | 146                                      | 3,956                    |                              | 1,751      | 214   |   |
| August .. ..            | 2,840  | 47.6                           | 115.8                | 266                       | 71                               | 127                                      | 3,467                    |                              | 1,561      | 160   |   |
| September ..            | 2,860  | 51.4                           | 121.2                | 307                       | 67                               | 160                                      | 3,579                    |                              | 1,572      | 115   |   |
| October .. ..           | 3,208  | 54.2                           | 143.1                | 393                       | 73                               | 159                                      | 4,036                    |                              | 1,688      | 130   |   |
| November ..             | 3,068  | 45.9                           | 111.4                | 363                       | 78                               | 183                                      | 3,999                    |                              | 1,455      | 100   |   |
| December ..             | 2,872  | 51.9                           | 135.8                | 334                       | 72                               | 168                                      | 3,864                    |                              | 1,430      | 76    |   |
| January .. ..           | 2,714  | 43.5                           | 111.0                | 313                       | 61                               | 146                                      | 2,421                    |                              | 1,083      | 86    |   |
| February ..             | 3,157  | 48.4                           | 119.4                | 398                       | 96                               | 191                                      | 4,063                    |                              | 1,619      | 130   |   |
| March .. ..             |  |                                | 144.5                |                           |                                  |  |                          |                              |            | 166   |   |

(a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.  
(Base : 1948 = 100.)

| Period.      | Belgium.<br>(a) | Canada.<br>(b) | Denmark.<br>(b) | France.<br>(b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether-<br>lands. | Norway.<br>(b) (c) | Sweden.<br>(b) | United<br>King-<br>dom.<br>(d) | U.S.A.<br>(b) (e) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1937 ..      | 102             | 55             | n.a.            | 98             | n.a.   | 192    | 88                | 80                 | 67             | 91                             | 59                |
| 1938 ..      | 82              | 52             | n.a.            | 90             | 101    | 210    | 89                | 80                 | 67             | 86                             | 46                |
| 1939 ..      | 87              | 56             | n.a.            | n.a.           | n.a.   | n.a.   | 98                | 85                 | 73             | n.a.                           | 57                |
| 1946 ..      | 73              | 88             | n.a.            | 71             | n.a.   | n.a.   | 65                | 80                 | 91             | n.a.                           | 89                |
| 1947 ..      | 93              | 96             | n.a.            | 86             | 96     | n.a.   | 83                | 92                 | 94             | n.a.                           | 97                |
| 1948 ..      | 100             | 100            | 100             | 100            | 100    | 100    | 100               | 100                | 100            | 100                            | 100               |
| 1949 ..      | 100             | 102            | 107             | 110            | 110    | 129    | 112               | 106                | 104            | 106                            | 92                |
| 1950 ..      | 102             | 108            | 118             | 111            | 127    | 152    | 123               | 113                | 108            | 114                            | 104               |
| 1951 ..      | 118             | 115            | 121             | 125            | 144    | 200    | 128               | 119                | 112            | 117                            | 115               |
| 1952 ..      | 114             | 119            | 117             | 131            | 147    | 213    | 130               | 119                | 110            | 114                            | 114               |
| 1951—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                |                   |
| March ..     | 120             | 117            | 130             | 123            | 150    | 199    | 139               | 122                | 117            | 116                            | 114               |
| April ..     | 121             | 117            | 128             | 128            | 146    | 202    | 131               | 122                | 118            | 122                            | 116               |
| May ..       | 124             | 120            | 126             | 131            | 151    | 206    | 128               | 130                | 117            | 116                            | 116               |
| June ..      | 120             | 121            | 121             | 130            | 146    | 205    | 127               | 123                | 116            | 122                            | 116               |
| July ..      | 109             | 114            | 91              | 120            | 151    | 205    | 119               | 84                 | 80             | 111                            | 111               |
| August ..    | 115             | 116            | 119             | 101            | 122    | 199    | 124               | 113                | 108            | 104                            | 115               |
| September .. | 116             | 117            | 126             | 123            | 148    | 198    | 126               | 123                | 115            | 121                            | 116               |
| October ..   | 119             | 118            | 124             | 129            | 154    | 195    | 139               | 122                | 116            | 121                            | 116               |
| November ..  | 121             | 115            | 124             | 133            | 144    | 204    | 135               | 121                | 118            | 123                            | 115               |
| December ..  | 117             | 108            | 114             | 131            | 141    | 214    | 120               | 116                | 116            | 113                            | 113               |
| 1952—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | 116             | 108            | 114             | 136            | 146    | 197    | 130               | 121                | 111            | 118                            | 113               |
| February ..  | 116             | 111            | 117             | 137            | 139    | 200    | 124               | 131                | 113            | 120                            | 114               |
| March ..     | 115             | 113            | 121             | 137            | 144    | 212    | 127               | 122                | 115            | 123                            | 113               |
| April ..     | 115             | 117            | 121             | 136            | 143    | 210    | 123               | 122                | 117            | 110                            | 112               |
| May ..       | 115             | 120            | 121             | 133            | 153    | 216    | 126               | 127                | 116            | 117                            | 110               |
| June ..      | 113             | 121            | 119             | 132            | 144    | 212    | 122               | 123                | 115            | 112                            | 107               |
| July ..      | 101             | 116            | 85              | 123            | 152    | 216    | 128               | 80                 | 70             | 102                            | 101               |
| August ..    | 106             | 119            | 116             | 105            | 119    | 217    | 123               | 112                | 104            | 98                             | 114               |
| September .. | 115             | 124            | 123             | 128            | 154    | 221    | 138               | 121                | 113            | 115                            | 121               |
| October ..   | 119             | 126            | 123             | 133            | 162    | 220    | 147               | 124                | 116            | 119                            | 121               |
| November ..  | 121             | 126            | 123             | 134            | 150    | 215    | 138               | 125                | 116            | 123                            | 122               |
| December ..  | 115             | 120            | 117             | 131            | 153    | 224    | 135               | 120                | 116            | 111                            | 121               |
| 1953—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   |                 | 118            | 117             | 129            |        | 210    | 135               | 116                | 110            | 116                            | 121               |
| February ..  |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                | 122               |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.  
(c) Excludes electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction. (e) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

| Period.           | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period. |                          |               | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period. (a) |                          |               |
|-------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|
|                   | Motor Cars.                                  | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars.                                      | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor Cycles. |
|                   | '000.  | '000.                    | '000.         |  |                          |               |
| Monthly Averages. |  |                          |               |  |                          |               |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 499  | 214                      | 78            | 4,049  | 2,016                    | 623           |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 535  | 242                      | 80            | 4,594  | 2,283                    | 694           |
| 1938-39(a) .. ..  | 562  | 258                      | 79            | 4,509  | 2,077                    | 614           |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 523  | 333                      | 73            | 177  | 724                      | 163           |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 550  | 376                      | 87            | 1,770  | 1,360                    | 685           |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 593  | 414                      | 100           | 3,562  | 2,397                    | 1,192         |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 655  | 452                      | 117           | 5,539  | 3,056                    | 1,852         |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 768  | 502                      | 134           | 9,584  | 4,829                    | 2,232         |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 883  | 551                      | 146           | 10,639   | 6,494                    | 2,263         |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 1,032  | 583                      | 155           | 10,443   | 6,122                    | 1,846         |
| Monthly Totals.   |  |                          |               |  |                          |               |
| 1950-51--         |  |                          |               |  |                          |               |
| March .. ..       | 858  | 540                      | 142           | 10,019   | 6,379                    | 3,113         |
| April .. ..       | 869  | 545                      | 144           | 9,742  | 5,942                    | 2,620         |
| May .. ..         | 875  | 548                      | 145           | 10,641   | 6,463                    | 2,405         |
| June .. ..        | 883  | 551                      | 146           | 8,542  | 5,604                    | 1,954         |
| 1951-52--         |  |                          |               |  |                          |               |
| July .. ..        | 895  | 557                      | 146           | 10,691   | 7,019                    | 2,188         |
| August .. ..      | 912  | 567                      | 148           | 13,556   | 9,441                    | 2,735         |
| September .. ..   | 921  | 571                      | 149           | 10,795   | 6,347                    | 2,397         |
| October .. ..     | 934  | 576                      | 151           | 12,145   | 6,537                    | 2,500         |
| November .. ..    | (b)944                                       | (b)579                   | 152           | (b)11,866  | (b)6,835                 | 2,187         |
| December .. ..    | 956  | 579                      | 153           | 9,879  | 5,406                    | 1,789         |
| January .. ..     | 970  | 580                      | 153           | 8,160  | 4,577                    | 1,567         |
| February .. ..    | 986  | 582                      | 154           | 9,637  | 5,301                    | 1,574         |
| March .. ..       | 995  | 581                      | 154           | 10,996   | 5,879                    | 1,774         |
| April .. ..       | 1,005  | 581                      | 154           | 10,152   | 5,407                    | 1,381         |
| May .. ..         | 1,021  | 583                      | 154           | 9,670  | 5,643                    | 1,163         |
| June .. ..        | 1,032  | 583                      | 155           | 7,772  | 5,069                    | 900           |
| 1952-53--         |  |                          |               |  |                          |               |
| July .. ..        | 1,044  | 582                      | 154           | 7,634  | 4,737                    | 941           |
| August .. ..      | 1,043  | 574                      | 152           | 6,598  | 4,014                    | 918           |
| September .. ..   | 1,052  | 571                      | 151           | 7,174  | 4,080                    | 970           |
| October .. ..     | 1,061  | 569                      | 151           | 9,047  | 4,464                    | 1,114         |
| November .. ..    | 1,069  | 570                      | 151           | 8,794  | 4,353                    | 984           |
| December .. ..    | 1,085  | 575                      | 152           | 9,333  | 4,634                    | 1,147         |
| January .. ..     | 1,083  | 570                      | 150           | 5,959  | 3,139                    | 936           |
| February .. ..    |  |                          |               | 7,300(c)   | 4,000(c)                 | 890(c)        |
| March .. ..       |  |                          |               | 8,200(c)   | 4,600(c)                 | 990(c)        |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra—Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39. (b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered. (c) Estimated.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

| Period.         | Freight Carried.        |                       | Passenger-journeys.     | Gross Revenue.       | Net Revenue.         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                 | Net Ton-miles.          | Average haul per ton. |                         |                      |                      |
|                 | Daily Average.<br>'000. | Miles.                | Daily Average.<br>'000. | Per Month.<br>£'000. | Per Month.<br>£'000. |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 12,820                  | 125.9                 | 1,028                   | 3,407                | 886                  |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 13,976                  | 125.0                 | 1,048                   | 3,632                | 886                  |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 13,085                  | 127.0                 | 1,048                   | 3,580                | 694                  |
|                 | (a)                     | (a)                   |                         |                      |                      |
| 1945-46 .. ..   | 16,893                  | 147.1                 | 1,485                   | 5,576                | 823                  |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 17,406                  | 148.4                 | 1,368                   | 5,303                | 427                  |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | (b)18,510               | (b)144.4              | 1,395                   | 6,376                | 443                  |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | (b)19,317               | (b)146.2              | 1,381                   | 7,174                | 89                   |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | (b)19,181               | (b)148.8              | 1,377                   | 7,702                | — 184                |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | (b)19,462               | (b)148.6              | 1,300                   | 8,834                | — 569                |
| 1951-52 .. ..   | (b)20,342               | (b)145.7              | 1,367                   | 11,668               | — 602                |
| 1951-52—        | (b)                     | (b)                   |                         |                      | (c)                  |
| January .. ..   | 17,812                  | 143.3                 | 1,338                   | 12,167               | 493                  |
| February .. ..  | 20,544                  | 142.2                 | 1,400                   | 12,420               | 619                  |
| March .. ..     | 19,914                  | 137.4                 | 1,438                   | 12,168               | — 291                |
| April .. ..     | 18,071                  | 135.8                 | 1,335                   | 11,684               | — 776                |
| May .. ..       | 19,423                  | 138.3                 | 1,334                   | 12,968               | — 2,461              |
| June .. ..      | 19,175                  | 135.3                 | 1,445                   | 11,972               | — 3,849              |
| 1952-53—        |                         |                       |                         |                      |                      |
| July .. ..      | 19,573                  | 139.9                 | 1,308                   | 12,118               | — 1,287              |
| August .. ..    | 18,025                  | 130.9                 | 1,293                   | 12,317               | — 812                |
| September .. .. | 18,746                  | 130.6                 | 1,493                   | 13,428               | 148                  |
| October .. ..   | 19,325                  | 134.6                 | 1,266                   | 13,889               | 394                  |
| November .. ..  | 19,435                  | 134.5                 | 1,344                   | 12,710               | — 1,758              |
| December .. ..  | 18,315                  | 139.4                 | 1,340                   | 13,123               | — 418                |

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

## MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Total.  |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1950-51 .. ..             | 49,382           | 20,587    | 18,876      | (b) 7,160        | 6,971              | 102,976 |
| 1951-52 .. ..             | 68,108           | 26,130    | 22,407      | (b) 9,418        | 9,216              | 135,279 |
| July-February, 1951-52 .. | 41,983           | 15,152    | 14,851      | (b) 5,746        | 6,401              | 84,133  |
| July-February, 1952-53 .. | 49,411           | 19,340    | 16,646      | (b)              | 4,741              |         |

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes Treasury transfers—1950-51, £2,600,000; 1951-52, £5,050,000; July-February, 1951-52, £3,366,000.



# INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period.                 | Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|                         | New South Wales.                                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. (a) |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1936-37 ..              | 284  | 92        | 39          | 184              | 8                  | 68        | 675            |
| 1937-38 ..              | 309  | 101       | 37          | 212              | 8                  | 75        | 742            |
| 1938-39 ..              | 284  | 94        | 39          | 241              | 10                 | 78        | 746            |
| 1945-46(b) ..           | 264  | 70        | 44          | 158              | 26                 | 56        | 618            |
| 1946-47 ..              | 283  | 72        | 46          | 234              | 17                 | 55        | 707            |
| 1947-48 ..              | 293  | 64        | 46          | 216              | 14                 | 58        | 692            |
| 1948-49 ..              | 287  | 59        | 43          | 167              | 11                 | 50        | 617            |
| 1949-50 ..              | 258  | 58        | 40          | 215              | 12                 | 51        | 635            |
| 1950-51 ..              | 259  | 57        | 46          | 242              | 12                 | 55        | 671            |
| 1951-52 ..              | 312  | 62        | 54          | 256              | 17                 | 50        | 752            |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1950-51—                |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| February ..             | 171  | 43        | 45          | 206              | 10                 | 52        | 527            |
| March ..                | 219  | 49        | 27          | 249              | 13                 | 48        | 605            |
| April ..                | 263  | 56        | 58          | 212              | 9                  | 50        | 648            |
| May ..                  | 296  | 64        | 54          | 285              | 5                  | 67        | 771            |
| June ..                 | 244  | 72        | 45          | 222              | 16                 | 59        | 658            |
| 1951-52—                |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 319  | 69        | 39          | 254              | 27                 | 31        | 740            |
| August ..               | 392  | 67        | 48          | 258              | 14                 | 64        | 844            |
| September ..            | 326  | 49        | 65          | 264              | 20                 | 70        | 795            |
| October ..              | 326  | 89        | 67          | 260              | 10                 | 36        | 789            |
| November ..             | 346  | 62        | 70          | 253              | 21                 | 40        | 792            |
| December ..             | 253  | 56        | 49          | 257              | 5                  | 47        | 667            |
| January ..              | 296  | 54        | 61          | 265              | 20                 | 58        | 754            |
| February ..             | 287  | 59        | 69          | 244              | 14                 | 57        | 731            |
| March ..                | 292  | 64        | 58          | 280              | 6                  | 64        | 764            |
| April ..                | 274  | 45        | 33          | 245              | 12                 | 44        | 653            |
| May ..                  | 338  | 62        | 58          | 263              | 22                 | 48        | 791            |
| June ..                 | 292  | 66        | 36          | 226              | 37                 | 44        | 701            |
| 1952-53—                |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| July ..                 | 378  | 55        | 94          | 287              | 26                 | 65        | 905            |
| August ..               | 369  | 63        | 83          | 335              | 16                 | 57        | 924            |
| September ..            | 347  | 58        | 63          | 266              | 34                 | 55        | 823            |
| October ..              | 419  | 57        | 59          | 303              | 49                 | 58        | 945            |
| November ..             | 339  | 54        | 89          | 244              | 56                 | 51        | 834            |
| December ..             | 281  | 52        | 51          | 235              | 75                 | 33        | 729            |
| January ..              | r242   | r44       | 40          | 275              | r64                | 44        | r709           |
| February p              | 287  | 55        | 59          | 245              | 84                 | 43        | 773            |

(a) Includes Northern Territory and supplies.

(b) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment

# OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period.                 | Discharged.  |               |                          | Shipped.     |               |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                         | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total<br>(Tons W and M). | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total<br>(Tons W and M). |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| 1936-37 .. ..           | 304          | 169           | 473                      | 419          | 78            | 497                      |
| 1937-38 .. ..           | 364          | 190           | 554                      | 478          | 91            | 569                      |
| 1938-39 .. ..           | 350          | 183           | 533                      | 428          | 91            | 519                      |
| 1945-46(a) ..           | 384          | 139           | 523                      | 202          | 121           | 323                      |
| 1946-47 .. ..           | 348          | 116           | 464                      | 259          | 112           | 371                      |
| 1947-48 .. ..           | 415          | 160           | 575                      | 374          | 104           | 478                      |
| 1948-49 .. ..           | 488          | 214           | 702                      | 452          | 114           | 566                      |
| 1949-50 .. ..           | 641          | 298           | 939                      | 422          | 116           | 538                      |
| 1950-51 .. ..           | 757          | 333           | 1,090                    | 450          | 108           | 558                      |
| 1951-52 .. ..           | 810          | 391           | 1,201                    | 374          | 103           | 477                      |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| 1950-51—                |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| February .. ..          | 687          | 352           | 1,039                    | 417          | 74            | 491                      |
| March .. ..             | 772          | 322           | 1,094                    | 511          | 105           | 616                      |
| April .. ..             | 664          | 358           | 1,022                    | 448          | 134           | 582                      |
| May .. ..               | 809          | 312           | 1,121                    | 462          | 142           | 604                      |
| June .. ..              | 762          | 297           | 1,059                    | 505          | 112           | 617                      |
| 1951-52—                |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| July .. ..              | 740          | 287           | 1,027                    | 450          | 108           | 558                      |
| August .. ..            | 898          | 395           | 1,293                    | 458          | 73            | 531                      |
| September ..            | 818          | 437           | 1,255                    | 383          | 75            | 458                      |
| October .. ..           | 868          | 464           | 1,332                    | 414          | 102           | 516                      |
| November ..             | 838          | 417           | 1,255                    | 375          | 110           | 485                      |
| December ..             | 751          | 421           | 1,172                    | 261          | 81            | 342                      |
| January .. ..           | 906          | 530           | 1,436                    | 319          | 76            | 395                      |
| February ..             | 741          | 446           | 1,187                    | 376          | 76            | 452                      |
| March .. ..             | 823          | 436           | 1,259                    | 386          | 134           | 520                      |
| April .. ..             | 783          | 407           | 1,190                    | 399          | 126           | 525                      |
| May .. ..               | 816          | 255           | 1,071                    | 345          | 130           | 475                      |
| June .. ..              | 744          | 196           | 940                      | 322          | 139           | 461                      |
| 1952-53—                |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| July .. ..              | 727          | 169           | 896                      | 402          | 119           | 521                      |
| August .. ..            | 714          | 168           | 882                      | 366          | 113           | 479                      |
| September ..            | 810          | 128           | 938                      | 366          | 154           | 520                      |
| October .. ..           | 639          | 163           | 802                      | 498          | 118           | 616                      |
| November ..             | 597          | 134           | 731                      | 449          | 121           | 570                      |
| December ..             | 690          | 167           | 857                      | 476          | 98            | 574                      |
| January .. ..           | r572         | r178          | r750                     | r447         | r86           | r533                     |
| February p ..           | 470          | 130           | 600                      | 428          | 93            | 521                      |

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period.           | Receipts of P.M.G.'s<br>Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners'<br>Licences in force at<br>end of period.(b) | Telephone Services connected at end of<br>period. |              |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--------------|
|                   |  |   | Lines.  | Instruments. |
|                   | £'000.                                 | '000.   | '000.   | '000.        |
| Monthly Averages. |  |   |   |              |
| 1936-37 .. .. .   | 1,318                                  | 938   | 440   | 595          |
| 1937-38 .. .. .   | 1,396                                  | 1,056   | 465   | 630          |
| 1938-39 .. .. .   | 1,447                                  | 1,130   | 488   | 662          |
| 1945-46 .. .. .   | 2,371                                  | 1,506   | 607   | 856          |
| 1946-47 .. .. .   | 2,484                                  | 1,771   | 648   | 905          |
| 1947-48 .. .. .   | 2,616                                  | 1,833   | 688   | 963          |
| 1948-49 .. .. .   | 2,776                                  | 1,919   | 734   | 1,028        |
| 1949-50 .. .. .   | 3,196                                  | 2,030   | 793   | 1,110        |
| 1950-51 .. .. .   | 3,732                                  | (c)2,110  | 864   | 1,209        |
| 1951-52 .. .. .   | 4,948                                  | 1,961   | 927   | 1,301        |
| Monthly Totals.   |  |   |   |              |
| 1950-51—          |  |   |   |              |
| April .. .. .     | 4,099                                  | 2,086   | 851   | 1,191        |
| May .. .. .       | 4,361                                  | 2,092   | 858   | 1,200        |
| June .. .. .      | 4,284                                  | 2,110   | 864   | 1,209        |
| 1951-52—          |  |   |   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 4,346                                  | 2,228   | 870   | 1,218        |
| August .. .. .    | 4,555                                  | 2,246   | 877   | 1,228        |
| September .. .. . | 4,090                                  | 2,257   | 883   | 1,236        |
| October .. .. .   | 5,203                                  | 2,247   | 889   | 1,245        |
| November .. .. .  | 4,775                                  | 2,241   | 894   | 1,253        |
| December .. .. .  | 5,309                                  | (c)2,245  | 899   | 1,259        |
| January .. .. .   | 4,840                                  | 1,986   | 904   | 1,266        |
| February .. .. .  | 5,023                                  | 1,991   | 909   | 1,274        |
| March .. .. .     | 4,940                                  | 1,985   | 914   | 1,280        |
| April .. .. .     | 4,834                                  | 1,981   | 918   | 1,287        |
| May .. .. .       | 5,798                                  | 1,973   | 923   | 1,294        |
| June .. .. .      | 5,657                                  | 1,961   | 927   | 1,301        |
| 1952-53—          |  |   |   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 5,334                                  | 1,900   | 932   | 1,308        |
| August .. .. .    | 5,121                                  | 1,898   | 937   | 1,315        |
| September .. .. . | 5,382                                  | 1,904   | 942   | 1,323        |
| October .. .. .   | 5,702                                  | 1,923   | 947   | 1,330        |
| November .. .. .  | 5,030                                  | 1,969   | 952   | 1,337        |
| December .. .. .  | 5,898                                  | 1,983   | 957   | 1,343        |
| January .. .. .   | 4,866                                  | 1,990   | 961   | 1,349        |
| February .. .. .  | 5,126                                  | 1,983   | 966   | 1,355        |
| March .. .. .     | 5,605                                  | 1,989   | 971   | 1,362        |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

**WHOLESALE TRADE.**

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

| Period.              |    |    |      |      |     |     |     | Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a) |               |                                 |       |     |      |  |  |
|----------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|---|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|-----|------|--|--|
|                      |    |    |      |      |     |     |     | Taxable Goods.                              | Exempt Goods. | Total Taxable and Exempt Goods. |       |     |      |  |  |
|                      |    |    |      |      |     |     |     | Monthly Averages. Totals complete.          |               |                                 |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1936-37              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 15.4  | 21.8          | 37.2                            |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1937-38              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 16.9  | 23.6          | 40.5                            |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1938-39              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 16.4  | 23.4          | 39.8                            |       |     |      |  |  |
|                      |    |    |      |      |     |     |     |   |               |                                 |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1945-46              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 22.3  | 33.4          | 55.7                            |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1946-47              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 24.6  | 42.2          | 66.8                            |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1947-48              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 26.2  | 53.3          | 79.5                            |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1948-49              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 30.3  | 63.1          | 93.4                            |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1949-50              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 38.0  | 72.2          | 110.2                           |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1950-51              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 45.6  | 94.9          | 140.5                           |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1951-52              | .. | .. | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..  | ..  | 52.0  | 110.1         | 162.1                           |       |     |      |  |  |
| Taxable Sales—Rates. |    |    |      |      |     |     |     |   |               |                                 |       |     |      |  |  |
|                      |    |    |      |      |     |     |     | 12½%  | 20%           | 25%                             | 33⅓%  | 50% | 66⅔% |  |  |
|                      |    |    |      |      |     |     |     | Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.           |               |                                 |       |     |      |  |  |
| 1951-52—             |    |    |      |      |     |     |     |   |               |                                 |       |     |      |  |  |
| October              | .. | .. | 36.6 | 9.0  | 0.2 | 3.4 | 0.6 | 0.5   | 50.3          | 117.8                           | 168.1 |     |      |  |  |
| November             | .. | .. | 39.9 | 11.1 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 0.8   | 56.6          | 121.1                           | 177.7 |     |      |  |  |
| December             | .. | .. | 36.1 | 9.3  | 0.2 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 0.7   | 50.0          | 103.3                           | 153.3 |     |      |  |  |
| January              | .. | .. | 33.6 | 8.3  | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 0.4   | 45.2          | 100.5                           | 145.7 |     |      |  |  |
| February             | .. | .. | 37.8 | 8.5  | 0.2 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 0.5   | 50.2          | 110.8                           | 161.0 |     |      |  |  |
| March                | .. | .. | 38.5 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 0.6   | 54.3          | 114.6                           | 168.9 |     |      |  |  |
| April                | .. | .. | 36.4 | 9.4  | 0.2 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 0.6   | 49.9          | 110.3                           | 160.2 |     |      |  |  |
| May                  | .. | .. | 36.2 | 8.7  | 0.1 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.5   | 48.9          | 104.9                           | 153.8 |     |      |  |  |
| June                 | .. | .. | 30.3 | 8.9  | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.3   | 42.1          | 107.7                           | 149.8 |     |      |  |  |
| 1952-53—             | .. | .. |      |      |     |     |     |   |               |                                 |       |     |      |  |  |
| July                 | .. | .. | 31.7 | 8.6  | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 0.3   | 43.3          | 107.3                           | 150.6 |     |      |  |  |
| August r             | .. | .. | 30.0 | 8.5  | ..  | 1.7 | 0.6 | ..  | 40.8          | 101.3                           | 142.1 |     |      |  |  |
| Septemberpr          | .. | .. | 32.1 | 8.7  | ..  | 2.0 | 0.6 | ..  | 43.4          | 113.6                           | 157.0 |     |      |  |  |
| October p            | .. | .. | 35.8 | 11.2 | ..  | 2.1 | 0.6 | ..  | 49.7          | 117.8                           | 167.5 |     |      |  |  |

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39;  $8\frac{1}{2}$  from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41;  $12\frac{1}{2}$  and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46;  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and 25 from 8.9.49;  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , 10, 25 and 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  from 13.10.50;  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , 20, 25, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ , 50 and 66 $\frac{2}{3}$  from 27.9.51;  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , 20, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  and 50 from 7.8.52. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40, 22.11.40, 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.8.51, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.

(£ million.)

| Period.                   | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total. (b). |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |
| 1947-48 ..                | 96.3             | 67.6      | 32.6        | 20.1             | 16.3               | 7.5       | 240.4       |
| 1948-49 ..                | 114.6            | 80.0      | 38.6        | 24.5             | 19.8               | 8.8       | 286.3       |
| 1949-50 ..                | 133.3            | 96.9      | 45.8        | 30.3             | 24.2               | 10.3      | 340.8       |
| 1950-51 ..                | 167.2            | 118.8     | 56.5        | 37.2             | 29.7               | 12.9      | 422.3       |
| 1951-52 ..                | 188.7            | 135.2     | 64.0        | 43.8             | 35.3               | 15.5      | 482.5       |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |
| 1950-51—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |
| March Qtr.                | 164.1            | 117.1     | 55.8        | 36.9             | 29.9               | 12.7      | 416.5       |
| June ..                   | 181.2            | 127.6     | 60.2        | 41.0             | 31.9               | 14.1      | 456.0       |
| 1951-52—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |
| September ..              | 182.3            | 126.8     | 62.7        | 41.0             | 32.3               | 14.4      | 459.5       |
| December ..               | 206.4            | 147.2     | 69.2        | 46.0             | 37.2               | 16.5      | 522.5       |
| March ..                  | 180.7            | 132.9     | 61.4        | 44.0             | 35.3               | 15.4      | 469.7       |
| June ..                   | 185.3            | 133.9     | 62.8        | 44.3             | 36.3               | 15.5      | 478.1       |
| 1952-53—                  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |             |
| September ..              | 179.5            | 127.7     | 62.6        | 41.0             | 34.3               | 14.9      | 460.0       |
| December ..               | 209.6            | 148.8     | 72.6        | 47.1             | 39.4               | 17.7      | 535.2       |
| March p ..                | 179.0            | 131.0     | 63.1        | 42.5             | 35.4               | 15.2      | 466.2       |

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(£ million.)

| Period                    | Groceries. | Butchers' Meat. | Other Food. (b) | Beer, Wine and Spirits. | Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear. | Hardware. | Electrical Goods. | Furniture. | Other Goods. | Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.) | Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c. | Total. |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|------------|--------------|--|------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Quarterly Average—</b> |            |                 |                 |                         |  |           |                   |            |              |  |                                    |        |
| 1947-48 ..                | 41.9       | 39.4            |                 | (c)                     | 49.8   | (c)       | (c)               | (c)        | (c)          | 211.0  | 29.4                               | 240.4  |
| 1948-49 ..                | 35.9       | 16.3            | 29.1            | 23.8                    | 59.5   | 18.1      | 8.5               | 11.6       | 42.0         | 244.8  | 41.5                               | 286.3  |
| 1949-50 ..                | 40.1       | 18.6            | 32.9            | 26.1                    | 65.4   | 20.8      | 10.2              | 13.4       | 49.5         | 277.0  | 63.8                               | 340.8  |
| 1950-51 ..                | 46.2       | 22.3            | 38.9            | 30.4                    | 80.7   | 27.5      | 14.6              | 18.6       | 59.4         | 338.6  | 83.7                               | 422.3  |
| 1951-52 ..                | 57.4       | 28.3            | 47.1            | 37.7                    | 85.7   | 32.0      | 16.5              | 18.1       | 70.3         | 393.1  | 89.4                               | 482.5  |
| <b>Quarterly Total—</b>   |            |                 |                 |                         |  |           |                   |            |              |  |                                    |        |
| 1950-51—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |  |           |                   |            |              |  |                                    |        |
| Mar. Qtr. ..              | 45.9       | 22.4            | 40.6            | 32.1                    | 76.6   | 26.6      | 14.8              | 18.7       | 57.7         | 335.4  | 81.1                               | 416.5  |
| June ..                   | 49.4       | 25.3            | 40.3            | 31.0                    | 90.8   | 31.3      | 15.4              | 20.6       | 62.5         | 366.6  | 89.4                               | 456.0  |
| 1951-52—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |  |           |                   |            |              |  |                                    |        |
| Sept. ..                  | 52.5       | 26.7            | 43.3            | 31.6                    | 81.7   | 31.1      | 17.8              | 19.8       | 65.8         | 370.3  | 89.2                               | 459.5  |
| Dec. ..                   | 59.1       | 28.2            | 49.0            | 41.1                    | 95.4   | 34.9      | 19.1              | 19.5       | 80.2         | 426.5  | 96.0                               | 522.5  |
| Mar. ..                   | 57.2       | 28.7            | 48.7            | 40.3                    | 75.8   | 30.8      | 15.3              | 16.4       | 67.5         | 380.7  | 89.0                               | 469.7  |
| June ..                   | 60.9       | 29.6            | 47.5            | 37.8                    | 89.8   | 31.2      | 13.9              | 16.6       | 67.5         | 394.8  | 83.3                               | 478.1  |
| 1952-53—                  |            |                 |                 |                         |  |           |                   |            |              |  |                                    |        |
| Sept. ..                  | 61.9       | 30.1            | 48.7            | 37.9                    | 78.0   | 30.2      | 13.9              | 16.4       | 67.1         | 384.2  | 75.8                               | 460.0  |
| Dec. ..                   | 67.9       | 30.2            | 54.4            | 46.5                    | 97.5   | 35.2      | 18.5              | 18.6       | 79.7         | 448.5  | 86.7                               | 535.2  |
| Mar. p. ..                | 61.4       | 28.8            | 52.4            | 44.7                    | 73.3   | 30.6      | 14.7              | 16.0       | 65.4         | 387.3  | 78.9                               | 466.2  |

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread.

(c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48 not collected.

# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period.                       |    | Deposits.(b)         |                             |         | Advances. | Govern-<br>ment and<br>Municipal<br>Securities.<br>(c) | Special<br>Accounts<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. |
|-------------------------------|----|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|--------------------|
|                               |    | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |           |  |  |  |                    |
| Average of Weekly<br>Figures— |    |                      |                             |         |           |  |  |  |                    |
| 1936-37..                     | .. | 184.7                | 112.9                       | 297.6   | 262.5     | 15.0   | ..   | 34.2   | 24.5               |
| 1937-38..                     | .. | 194.8                | 120.0                       | 314.8   | 274.4     | 21.4   | ..   | 37.1   | 20.7               |
| 1938-39..                     | .. | 198.8                | 118.9                       | 317.7   | 288.1     | 20.5   | ..   | 33.6   | 21.5               |
|                               |    |                      |                             |         |           |  |  |  |                    |
| 1945-46..                     | .. | 220.4                | 386.0                       | 606.4   | (d) 212.2 | 115.3  | 238.1  | 38.5   | 59.8               |
| 1946-47..                     | .. | 206.9                | 429.7                       | 636.6   | 261.1     | 95.0   | 265.0  | 37.9   | 25.8               |
| 1947-48..                     | .. | 201.9                | 471.6                       | 673.5   | 329.9     | 65.6   | 262.3  | 44.4   | 18.1               |
| 1948-49..                     | .. | 211.3                | 565.1                       | 776.4   | 368.6     | 61.5   | 322.7  | 48.0   | 22.1               |
| 1949-50..                     | .. | 224.5                | 685.6                       | 910.1   | 403.9     | 83.8   | 377.0  | 52.0   | 26.5               |
| 1950-51..                     | .. | 247.7                | 896.5                       | 1,144.2 | 479.3     | 90.2   | 500.3  | 59.3   | 36.9               |
| 1951-52..                     | .. | 238.2                | 963.5                       | 1,201.7 | 621.4     | 68.4   | 466.0  | 60.6   | 32.4               |
| 1950-51—                      |    |                      |                             |         |           |  |  |  |                    |
| March                         | .. | 246.2                | 1,038.9                     | 1,285.1 | 507.2     | 92.6   | 532.5  | 70.7   | 57.8               |
| April ..                      | .. | 248.1                | 1,048.9                     | 1,297.0 | 502.3     | 88.1   | 557.5  | 69.3   | 57.0               |
| May ..                        | .. | 251.9                | 1,039.9                     | 1,291.8 | 496.9     | 93.4   | 575.5  | 59.5   | 54.3               |
| June ..                       | .. | 250.1                | 987.6                       | 1,237.7 | 509.5     | 93.0   | 569.6  | 50.5   | 32.8               |
| 1951-52—                      |    |                      |                             |         |           |  |  |  |                    |
| July ..                       | .. | 252.1                | 952.2                       | 1,204.3 | 527.6     | 91.1   | 537.8  | 55.1   | 24.8               |
| August                        | .. | 249.3                | 941.3                       | 1,190.6 | 541.6     | 81.5   | 523.0  | 56.3   | 35.5               |
| September                     | .. | 247.4                | 929.9                       | 1,177.3 | 568.5     | 75.8   | 519.1  | 54.5   | 33.5               |
| October                       | .. | 242.2                | 937.0                       | 1,179.2 | 593.8     | 68.2   | 509.8  | 56.1   | 23.5               |
| November                      | .. | 240.2                | 950.5                       | 1,190.7 | 620.7     | 63.2   | 494.5  | 61.9   | 19.3               |
| December (e)                  | .. | 240.2                | 1,002.2                     | 1,242.4 | 624.8     | 61.9   | 483.9  | 69.2   | 36.0               |
| January                       | .. | 236.9                | 981.4                       | 1,218.3 | 638.6     | 59.0   | 483.6  | 67.7   | 33.6               |
| February                      | .. | 236.5                | 992.0                       | 1,228.5 | 654.6     | 62.0   | 458.5  | 64.4   | 31.3               |
| March                         | .. | 234.9                | 1,006.4                     | 1,241.3 | 664.1     | 67.6   | 436.5  | 64.4   | 37.9               |
| April ..                      | .. | 232.2                | 1,014.4                     | 1,246.6 | 667.9     | 64.1   | 427.5  | 64.2   | 39.7               |
| May ..                        | .. | 224.8                | 957.2                       | 1,182.0 | 675.6     | 62.5   | 398.9  | 53.7   | 38.5               |
| June ..                       | .. | 220.5                | 902.4                       | 1,122.9 | 691.2     | 62.6   | 303.3  | 61.2   | 35.8               |
| 1952-53—                      |    |                      |                             |         |           |  |  |  |                    |
| July ..                       | .. | 215.1                | 857.0                       | 1,072.1 | 699.3     | 65.3   | 215.5  | 65.2   | 46.4               |
| August                        | .. | 214.8                | 844.7                       | 1,059.5 | 690.4     | 65.5   | 190.5  | 68.4   | 59.5               |
| September                     | .. | 214.7                | 839.4                       | 1,054.1 | 682.0     | 65.6   | 185.7  | 66.7   | 69.3               |
| October                       | .. | 213.8                | 863.9                       | 1,077.7 | 673.4     | 66.3   | 163.8  | 69.0   | 97.1               |
| November                      | .. | 215.5                | 898.8                       | 1,114.3 | 655.7     | 70.5   | 156.5  | 76.5   | 120.9              |
| December(e)                   | .. | 217.1                | 930.3                       | 1,147.4 | 637.7     | 79.3   | 156.5  | 78.6   | 136.8              |
| January                       | .. | 218.7                | 952.9                       | 1,171.6 | 616.0     | 91.3   | 167.5  | 91.9   | 157.8              |
| February                      | .. | 219.0                | 999.9                       | 1,218.9 | 604.1     | 96.5   | 193.6  | 89.3   | 188.4              |
| March                         | .. | 221.1                | 1,051.5                     | 1,272.6 | 593.9     | 101.1  | 228.6  | 81.7   | 211.0              |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.



# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

| Period.                           |    |    | Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits. |                        |           |   |  | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|--|------------------------|-----------|---|--|--|
|                                   |    |    | Cash in Australia.   | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. |  |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |    |    |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| 1936-37                           | .. | .. | 11.49  | 19.73                  | 88.20     | 93.26   | ..                                       | 37.93  |
| 1937-38                           | .. | .. | 11.79  | 18.37                  | 87.15     | 93.95   | ..                                       | 38.13  |
| 1938-39                           | .. | .. | 10.58  | 17.36                  | 90.70     | 97.15   | ..                                       | 37.42  |
| 1945-46                           | .. | .. | 6.34   | 16.20                  | (d)34.99  | (d)54.00  | 39.27                                    | 63.65  |
| 1946-47                           | .. | .. | 5.96   | 10.02                  | 41.02     | 55.95   | 41.63                                    | 67.51  |
| 1947-48                           | .. | .. | 6.59   | 9.28                   | 48.98     | 58.72   | 38.94                                    | 70.02  |
| 1948-49                           | .. | .. | 6.18   | 9.03                   | 47.47     | 55.39   | 41.56                                    | 72.79  |
| 1949-50                           | .. | .. | 5.71   | 8.62                   | 44.35     | 53.55   | 41.40                                    | 75.28  |
| 1950-51                           | .. | .. | 5.19   | 8.41                   | 41.89     | 49.69   | 43.73                                    | 78.35  |
| 1951-52                           | .. | .. | 5.04   | 7.74                   | 51.71     | 57.40   | 38.78                                    | 80.18  |
| 1950-51—                          |    |    |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| March                             | .. | .. | 5.50   | 9.99                   | 39.47     | 46.67   | 41.43                                    | 80.84  |
| April                             | .. | .. | 5.34   | 9.73                   | 38.73     | 45.52   | 42.98                                    | 80.87  |
| May                               | .. | .. | 4.60   | 8.80                   | 38.47     | 45.70   | 44.55                                    | 80.50  |
| June                              | .. | .. | 4.08   | 6.73                   | 41.16     | 48.67   | 46.02                                    | 79.79  |
| 1951-52—                          |    |    |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| July                              | .. | .. | 4.58   | 6.64                   | 43.81     | 51.38   | 44.65                                    | 79.07  |
| August                            | .. | .. | 4.73   | 7.71                   | 45.49     | 52.34   | 43.93                                    | 79.06  |
| September                         | .. | .. | 4.63   | 7.48                   | 48.29     | 54.73   | 44.09                                    | 78.98  |
| October                           | .. | .. | 4.76   | 6.75                   | 50.36     | 56.14   | 43.24                                    | 79.46  |
| November                          | .. | .. | 5.20   | 6.82                   | 52.13     | 57.44   | 41.53                                    | 79.83  |
| December(e)                       | .. | .. | 5.57   | 8.47                   | 50.29     | 55.28   | 38.95                                    | 80.67  |
| January                           | .. | .. | 5.23   | 7.99                   | 52.42     | 57.26   | 39.70                                    | 80.55  |
| February                          | .. | .. | 5.24   | 7.78                   | 53.28     | 58.33   | 37.32                                    | 80.75  |
| March                             | .. | .. | 5.18   | 8.23                   | 53.50     | 58.94   | 35.16                                    | 81.08  |
| April                             | .. | .. | 5.15   | 8.33                   | 53.58     | 58.72   | 34.29                                    | 81.37  |
| May                               | .. | .. | 4.54   | 7.80                   | 57.16     | 62.45   | 33.75                                    | 80.98  |
| June                              | .. | .. | 5.45   | 8.63                   | 61.56     | 67.14   | 27.01                                    | 80.36  |
| 1952-53—                          |    |    |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| July                              | .. | .. | 6.08   | 10.40                  | 65.23     | 71.32   | 20.10                                    | 79.94  |
| August                            | .. | .. | 6.46   | 12.08                  | 65.16     | 71.34   | 17.98                                    | 79.73  |
| September                         | .. | .. | 6.33   | 12.90                  | 64.70     | 70.91   | 17.62                                    | 79.63  |
| October                           | .. | .. | 6.40   | 15.41                  | 62.49     | 68.64   | 15.20                                    | 80.16  |
| November                          | .. | .. | 6.87   | 17.72                  | 58.84     | 65.16   | 14.05                                    | 80.66  |
| December(e)                       | .. | .. | 6.86   | 18.78                  | 55.58     | 62.49   | 13.64                                    | 81.08  |
| January                           | .. | .. | 7.84   | 21.31                  | 52.58     | 60.37   | 14.30                                    | 81.34  |
| February                          | .. | .. | 7.32   | 22.77                  | 49.56     | 57.48   | 15.88                                    | 82.03  |
| March                             | .. | .. | 6.42   | 23.00                  | 46.67     | 54.62   | 17.97                                    | 82.63  |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

## GENERAL BANKING DIVISION—LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

and

## RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS—ADVANCES.(a)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | General Banking Division. |                       |        |           |   |                 |   | Other Departments—Advances. |                           |                                |        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
|                                   | Deposits.                 |                       |        | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. | Rural Credits Department.   | Mortgage Bank Department. | Industrial Finance Department. |        |
|                                   | Bearing Interest.         | Not Bearing Interest. | Total. |           |   |                 |   |                             |                           | Hire Purchase.                 | Other. |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                           |                       |        |           |   |                 |   |                             |                           |                                |        |
| 1945-46(b) ..                     | 21.1                      | 35.3                  | 56.4   | 17.8      | 7.3   | 4.2             | 33.6  | 0.6                         | 2.0                       | 0.1                            | 0.1    |
| 1946-47 ..                        | 17.6                      | 40.7                  | 58.3   | 20.4      | 6.6   | 1.9             | 34.3  | 0.8                         | 2.6                       | 0.6                            | 1.3    |
| 1947-48 ..                        | 13.9                      | 43.7                  | 57.6   | 23.4      | 6.6   | ..              | 32.1  | 0.8                         | 3.1                       | 2.5                            | 3.5    |
| 1948-49 ..                        | 13.2                      | 51.1                  | 64.3   | 31.8      | 6.1   | ..              | 34.1  | 1.8                         | 3.2                       | 7.6                            | 4.8    |
| 1949-50 ..                        | 14.8                      | 62.5                  | 77.3   | 45.3      | 6.2   | 2.0             | 35.4  | 13.8                        | 3.5                       | 12.8                           | 6.3    |
| 1950-51 ..                        | 19.4                      | 89.2                  | 108.6  | 62.5      | 7.2   | 24.0            | 26.9  | 13.7                        | 3.8                       | 14.7                           | 7.6    |
| 1951-52 ..                        | 20.1                      | 90.6                  | 110.7  | 76.4      | 6.6   | 26.4            | 13.3  | 19.7                        | 4.1                       | 15.5                           | 8.7    |
| <b>1950-51—</b>                   |                           |                       |        |           |   |                 |   |                             |                           |                                |        |
| March ..                          | 18.3                      | 108.8                 | 127.1  | 64.0      | 13.3  | 38.5            | 25.1  | 24.1                        | 3.9                       | 14.4                           | 7.6    |
| April ..                          | 24.2                      | 103.9                 | 128.1  | 63.8      | 7.1   | 51.3            | 18.6  | 27.4                        | 3.9                       | 14.4                           | 7.4    |
| May ..                            | 24.1                      | 102.1                 | 126.2  | 66.3      | 6.0   | 47.2            | 18.6  | 29.7                        | 3.9                       | 14.6                           | 7.5    |
| June ..                           | 22.3                      | 97.4                  | 119.7  | 68.5      | 6.9   | 36.5            | 15.1  | 16.9                        | 3.8                       | 14.7                           | 7.5    |
| <b>1951-52—</b>                   |                           |                       |        |           |   |                 |   |                             |                           |                                |        |
| July ..                           | 22.7                      | 91.1                  | 113.8  | 71.3      | 5.9   | 34.5            | 13.1  | 8.8                         | 3.9                       | 15.0                           | 7.9    |
| August ..                         | 22.5                      | 87.9                  | 110.4  | 72.8      | 6.5   | 32.5            | 9.7   | 5.6                         | 4.0                       | 15.4                           | 7.8    |
| September ..                      | 20.8                      | 86.2                  | 107.0  | 73.6      | 5.5   | 30.5            | 8.4   | 3.0                         | 4.0                       | 15.9                           | 8.0    |
| October ..                        | 20.6                      | 88.3                  | 108.9  | 75.3      | 6.5   | 29.1            | 9.7   | 2.7                         | 4.0                       | 16.3                           | 8.2    |
| November ..                       | 20.1                      | 89.6                  | 109.7  | 78.2      | 6.4   | 26.0            | 10.9  | 3.4                         | 4.1                       | 16.7                           | 8.4    |
| December ..                       | 19.0                      | 96.9                  | 115.9  | 79.5      | 9.1   | 27.3            | 11.1  | 4.2                         | 4.1                       | 16.6                           | 8.6    |
| January ..                        | 17.9                      | 90.4                  | 108.3  | 81.2      | 6.8   | 22.8            | 11.1  | 6.5                         | 4.2                       | 16.0                           | 8.8    |
| February ..                       | 18.8                      | 92.7                  | 111.5  | 81.7      | 6.5   | 24.0            | 11.1  | 23.1                        | 4.3                       | 15.5                           | 9.1    |
| March ..                          | 19.4                      | 93.5                  | 112.9  | (d) 80.6  | 6.1   | 23.5            | (d) 13.5  | 44.9                        | 4.3                       | 15.1                           | 9.2    |
| April ..                          | 19.9                      | 93.3                  | 113.2  | 77.9      | 7.2   | 22.4            | 17.9  | 52.5                        | 4.4                       | 14.8                           | 9.3    |
| May ..                            | 19.3                      | 90.2                  | 109.5  | 73.9      | 5.8   | 21.0            | 21.2  | 44.5                        | 4.3                       | 14.4                           | 9.3    |
| June ..                           | 19.8                      | 89.3                  | 109.1  | 71.2      | 7.1   | 23.0            | 22.1  | 39.5                        | 4.2                       | 14.2                           | 9.4    |
| <b>1952-53—</b>                   |                           |                       |        |           |   |                 |   |                             |                           |                                |        |
| July ..                           | 19.5                      | 85.7                  | 105.2  | 62.5      | (e) 28.0  | (e) 3.8         | 22.5  | 27.4                        | 4.3                       | 14.0                           | 9.1    |
| August ..                         | 19.0                      | 85.9                  | 104.9  | 62.2      | 26.6  | 4.6             | 24.4  | 26.4                        | 4.3                       | 13.9                           | 8.9    |
| September ..                      | 19.5                      | 85.3                  | 104.8  | 58.8      | 26.9  | 5.6             | 27.5  | 23.7                        | 4.3                       | 13.8                           | 8.7    |
| October ..                        | 20.5                      | 88.8                  | 109.3  | 57.4      | 24.1  | 6.6             | 33.6  | 17.1                        | 4.3                       | 13.8                           | 8.5    |
| November ..                       | 23.0                      | 93.6                  | 116.6  | 59.1      | 23.6  | 9.1             | 36.9  | 13.3                        | 4.3                       | 14.2                           | 8.4    |
| December ..                       | 23.3                      | 97.4                  | 120.7  | 59.5      | 23.5  | 12.1            | 38.4  | 11.2                        | 4.2                       | 15.1                           | 8.2    |
| January ..                        | 24.0                      | 93.5                  | 117.5  | 62.8      | 23.6  | 14.6            | 33.5  | 27.3                        | 4.2                       | 15.2                           | 8.1    |
| February ..                       | 24.5                      | 100.0                 | 124.5  | 61.6      | 31.3  | 20.6            | 25.8  | 66.5                        | 4.2                       | 15.3                           | 8.1    |
| March ..                          | 24.9                      | 107.0                 | 131.9  | 58.1      | 34.9  | 32.7            | 21.6  | 95.7                        | 4.3                       | 15.4                           | 8.4    |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.  
 (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available. (d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000.

(e) At the beginning of July the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the *Banking Act 1945*. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

| Period.                       | Notes on Issue.   |                    |        | Special<br>Accounts<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Deposits<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Liabilities<br>(excluding<br>Capital and<br>Reserves). | Gold and<br>Balances<br>held<br>Abroad. | Government<br>and other<br>Securities<br>(including<br>Treasury<br>Bills). |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
|                               | Held by<br>Banks. | Held by<br>Public. | Total. |  |  |   |   |  |
| Average of Weekly<br>Figures— |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| 1945-46(b) ..                 | 16.9              | 176.9              | 193.8  | 241.8  | 26.9   | 144.4   | 181.6                                   | 418.3  |
| 1946-47.. ..                  | 18.7              | 180.7              | 199.4  | 267.0  | 24.1   | 122.1   | 217.6                                   | 392.2  |
| 1947-48.. ..                  | 22.2              | 175.9              | 198.1  | 263.7  | 28.0   | 142.0   | 196.7                                   | 419.9  |
| 1948-49.. ..                  | 24.9              | 178.7              | 203.6  | 323.9  | 29.8   | 174.6   | 336.2                                   | 356.3  |
| 1949-50.. ..                  | 27.9              | 194.3              | 222.2  | 379.6  | 30.7   | 200.3   | 434.0                                   | 349.0  |
| 1950-51.. ..                  | 32.7              | 219.1              | 251.8  | 503.2  | 34.7   | 238.2   | 596.3                                   | 366.6  |
| 1951-52.. ..                  | 38.1              | 255.5              | 293.6  | 468.8  | 31.1   | 270.9   | 470.6                                   | 503.1  |
| 1950-51—                      |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| March .. ..                   | 35.1              | 229.4              | 264.5  | 535.4  | 46.7   | 270.7   | 640.6                                   | 407.6  |
| April .. ..                   | 35.1              | 231.0              | 266.1  | 560.4  | 44.2   | 281.4   | 676.4                                   | 398.2  |
| May .. ..                     | 34.9              | 234.6              | 269.5  | 578.4  | 34.5   | 278.3   | 701.2                                   | 368.6  |
| June .. ..                    | 35.0              | 238.6              | 273.6  | 572.6  | 23.3   | 278.5   | 718.2                                   | 346.9  |
| 1951-52—                      |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| July .. ..                    | 34.9              | 241.4              | 276.3  | 540.8  | 29.5   | 287.3   | 712.6                                   | 345.2  |
| August .. ..                  | 35.3              | 244.6              | 279.9  | 526.0  | 30.0   | 281.3   | 696.5                                   | 351.7  |
| September ..                  | 35.7              | 248.0              | 283.7  | 522.1  | 26.9   | 274.3   | 665.8                                   | 372.8  |
| October .. ..                 | 37.4              | 249.6              | 287.0  | 512.8  | 26.5   | 277.8   | 615.5                                   | 412.4  |
| November ..                   | 37.3              | 252.8              | 290.1  | 497.4  | 32.3   | 287.1   | 512.5                                   | 513.7  |
| December ..                   | (c) 43.3          | (c) 264.6          | 307.9  | 484.0  | 35.9   | 275.0   | 446.6                                   | 581.0  |
| January .. ..                 | 43.5              | 257.9              | 301.4  | 486.0  | 33.4   | 267.4   | 386.3                                   | 615.9  |
| February ..                   | 38.2              | 256.6              | 294.8  | 461.0  | 36.2   | 259.9   | 335.8                                   | 627.5  |
| March .. ..                   | 36.9              | 259.9              | 296.8  | 438.9  | 36.4   | 264.0   | 316.6                                   | 613.1  |
| April .. ..                   | 38.4              | 265.0              | 303.4  | 430.0  | 33.9   | 260.1   | 313.1                                   | 585.4  |
| May .. ..                     | 38.1              | 262.9              | 301.0  | 401.8  | 22.3   | 256.0   | 311.0                                   | 541.3  |
| June .. ..                    | 37.5              | 264.5              | 302.0  | 305.0  | 30.1   | 260.2   | 303.2                                   | 488.8  |
| 1952-53—                      |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| July .. ..                    | 36.3              | 266.1              | 302.4  | 216.9  | 34.9   | 266.9   | 288.5                                   | 460.9  |
| August .. ..                  | 36.3              | 269.5              | 305.8  | 191.8  | 38.2   | 267.5   | 291.0                                   | 457.3  |
| September ..                  | 36.0              | 273.0              | 309.0  | 187.0  | 36.3   | 278.5   | 301.3                                   | 463.8  |
| October .. ..                 | 35.8              | 276.5              | 312.3  | 164.9  | 38.9   | 278.5   | 299.5                                   | 455.1  |
| November ..                   | 35.9              | 279.4              | 315.3  | 157.6  | 46.9   | 277.8   | 320.9                                   | 444.2  |
| December(d) ..                | 40.5              | 287.9              | 328.4  | 157.6  | 44.9   | 279.2   | 338.6                                   | 439.1  |
| January .. ..                 | 40.8              | 283.1              | 323.9  | 168.6  | 59.1   | 280.3   | 366.6                                   | 418.9  |
| February ..                   | 36.3              | 283.0              | 319.3  | 194.7  | 62.0   | 288.0   | 393.2                                   | 388.6  |
| March .. ..                   | 35.8              | 286.2              | 322.0  | 229.7  | 56.5   | 293.3   | 412.0                                   | 377.9  |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946 ; thereafter on Wednesdays of period. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays. (d) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | Deposits.         |                       |         | Advances. | Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank. | Treasury Bills. | Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|---|-----------------|---|
|                                   | Bearing Interest. | Not Bearing Interest. | Total.  |           |   |                 |   |
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                   |                       |         |           |   |                 |   |
| 1945-46(c) .. ..                  | 245.8             | 436.6                 | 682.4   | 246.7     | 48.3  | 67.2            | 158.7   |
| 1946-47 .. ..                     | 229.5             | 480.4                 | 709.9   | 304.4     | 47.0  | 28.5            | 137.8   |
| 1947-48(d) .. ..                  | 221.2             | 527.9                 | 749.1   | 384.8     | 54.1  | 18.9            | 108.2   |
| 1948-49 .. ..                     | 231.8             | 634.6                 | 866.4   | 440.2     | 58.3  | 23.9            | 109.2   |
| 1949-50 .. ..                     | 249.3             | 771.2                 | 1,020.5 | 495.4     | 62.2  | 29.5            | 132.3   |
| 1950-51 .. ..                     | 279.6             | 1,017.6               | 1,297.2 | 598.5     | 71.4  | 64.0            | 129.5   |
| 1951-52 .. ..                     | 271.7             | 1,091.6               | 1,363.3 | 759.7     | 72.2  | 61.7            | 96.6  |
| <b>1950-51—</b>                   |                   |                       |         |           |   |                 |   |
| March .. ..                       | 277.5             | 1,186.9               | 1,464.4 | 629.1     | 90.9  | 102.0           | 131.2   |
| April .. ..                       | 285.5             | 1,193.0               | 1,478.5 | 624.0     | 83.1  | 115.0           | 120.7   |
| May .. ..                         | 289.7             | 1,181.4               | 1,471.1 | 620.4     | 72.0  | 108.5           | 126.8   |
| June .. ..                        | 285.5             | 1,121.9               | 1,407.4 | 635.4     | 62.4  | 73.7            | 123.0   |
| <b>1951-52—</b>                   |                   |                       |         |           |   |                 |   |
| July .. ..                        | 287.4             | 1,079.6               | 1,367.0 | 656.9     | 66.6  | 61.2            | 119.3   |
| August .. ..                      | 284.1             | 1,065.2               | 1,349.3 | 672.8     | 68.1  | 69.8            | 106.4   |
| September .. ..                   | 280.6             | 1,051.0               | 1,331.6 | 701.2     | 64.6  | 65.8            | 99.4  |
| October .. ..                     | 275.4             | 1,059.6               | 1,335.0 | 729.5     | 66.4  | 54.4            | 93.0  |
| November .. ..                    | 272.5             | 1,074.5               | 1,347.0 | 759.7     | 72.9  | 47.0            | 89.0  |
| December(e) .. ..                 | 271.2             | 1,135.3               | 1,406.5 | 765.6     | 83.2  | 65.3            | 87.8  |
| January .. ..                     | 266.8             | 1,110.8               | 1,377.6 | 782.3     | 80.4  | 59.8            | 84.9  |
| February .. ..                    | 267.2             | 1,127.8               | 1,395.0 | 799.2     | 77.4  | 60.0            | 87.8  |
| March .. ..                       | 267.7             | 1,143.2               | 1,410.9 | (f)808.2  | 76.7  | 67.6            | (f) 95.8  |
| April .. ..                       | 268.8             | 1,147.8               | 1,416.6 | 810.4     | 77.1  | 67.7            | 96.7  |
| May .. ..                         | 260.2             | 1,084.5               | 1,344.7 | 814.6     | 64.1  | 62.3            | 98.4  |
| June .. ..                        | 255.9             | 1,026.3               | 1,282.2 | 827.9     | 72.0  | 59.4            | 99.4  |
| <b>1952-53—</b>                   |                   |                       |         |           |   |                 |   |
| July .. ..                        | 249.5             | 975.2                 | 1,224.7 | 827.7     | (g)96.3   | (g) 50.5        | 102.4   |
| August .. ..                      | 249.4             | 962.4                 | 1,211.8 | 817.6     | 98.1  | 64.3            | 104.6   |
| September .. ..                   | 250.3             | 955.1                 | 1,205.4 | 806.1     | 96.3  | 75.1            | 107.8   |
| October .. ..                     | 250.9             | 983.0                 | 1,233.9 | 797.1     | 96.0  | 104.0           | 114.4   |
| November .. ..                    | 253.7             | 1,024.6               | 1,278.3 | 781.3     | 103.4   | 130.3           | 121.0   |
| December (e) .. ..                | 255.2             | 1,060.9               | 1,316.1 | 763.5     | 105.4   | 149.6           | 131.0   |
| January .. ..                     | 257.5             | 1,083.3               | 1,340.8 | 742.9     | 120.7   | 175.5           | 138.1   |
| February .. ..                    | 258.4             | 1,141.0               | 1,399.4 | 729.3     | 126.5   | 216.4           | 135.8   |
| March .. ..                       | 261.3             | 1,201.2               | 1,462.5 | 715.9     | 123.9   | 253.1           | 136.1   |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 48. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) See footnote (e), page 46. (f) See footnote (e), page 48. (g) See footnote (e), page 48.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| 1945-46(b) ..                     | 46.7             | 43.5      | 14.7        | 8.7              | 5.8                | 2.9       | 0.1                           | 122.4     |
| 1946-47 ..                        | 58.1             | 52.9      | 16.8        | 10.5             | (c) 7.1            | 3.4       | 0.1                           | (c) 148.9 |
| 1947-48(d) ..                     | (e) 69.4         | 61.2      | 19.9        | 12.7             | 8.7                | 3.9       | 0.1                           | (e) 175.9 |
| 1948-49 ..                        | 83.1             | 74.3      | 24.3        | 15.5             | 10.7               | 4.7       | 0.2                           | 212.8     |
| 1949-50 ..                        | 104.9            | 97.8      | 29.5        | 19.3             | 13.7               | 5.6       | 0.3                           | 271.1     |
| 1950-51 ..                        | 145.1            | 134.9     | 39.0        | 26.8             | 19.3               | 7.4       | 0.4                           | 372.9     |
| 1951-52 ..                        | 156.6            | 142.3     | 41.5        | 30.8             | 21.8               | 8.9       | 0.5                           | 402.4     |
| <b>1950-51—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| March ..                          | 160.0            | 143.5     | 40.6        | 32.8             | 20.6               | 8.6       | 0.4                           | 406.5     |
| April ..                          | 161.1            | 169.9     | 44.6        | 30.2             | 25.0               | 8.5       | 0.4                           | 439.7     |
| May ..                            | 167.3            | 156.6     | 44.5        | 30.3             | 19.6               | 8.6       | 0.4                           | 427.3     |
| June ..                           | 168.2            | 149.3     | 45.0        | 30.5             | 18.7               | 8.9       | 0.4                           | 421.0     |
| <b>1951-52—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| July ..                           | 159.4            | 148.3     | 45.5        | 30.3             | 20.3               | 9.2       | 0.5                           | 413.5     |
| August ..                         | 141.8            | 128.2     | 38.6        | 25.6             | 19.1               | 7.9       | 0.4                           | 361.6     |
| September ..                      | 153.0            | 130.8     | 40.6        | 27.3             | 18.9               | 8.3       | 0.4                           | 379.3     |
| October ..                        | 162.9            | 150.0     | 46.0        | 31.5             | 21.8               | 8.2       | 0.5                           | 420.9     |
| November ..                       | 170.5            | 148.8     | 42.2        | 30.5             | 21.4               | 8.4       | 0.4                           | 422.2     |
| December ..                       | 175.9            | 157.4     | 46.5        | 35.4             | 23.5               | 9.6       | 0.5                           | 448.8     |
| January ..                        | 146.2            | 133.3     | 36.5        | 27.2             | 24.5               | 7.4       | 0.4                           | 375.5     |
| February ..                       | 155.3            | 153.4     | 38.4        | 33.9             | 24.3               | 9.0       | 0.4                           | 414.7     |
| March ..                          | 152.1            | 142.2     | 39.1        | 34.3             | 22.3               | 10.2      | 0.5                           | 400.7     |
| April ..                          | 153.3            | 142.7     | 40.5        | 32.2             | 22.5               | 9.5       | 0.5                           | 401.2     |
| May ..                            | 155.9            | 141.7     | 40.9        | 32.1             | 22.6               | 9.5       | 0.5                           | 403.2     |
| June ..                           | 158.4            | 135.4     | 44.6        | 30.7             | 20.5               | 9.6       | 0.5                           | 399.7     |
| <b>1952-53—</b>                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| July ..                           | 149.0            | 129.2     | 44.4        | 31.1             | 20.5               | 9.4       | 0.6                           | 384.2     |
| August ..                         | 130.1            | 116.5     | 38.5        | 26.3             | 19.3               | 8.1       | 0.5                           | 339.3     |
| September ..                      | 143.0            | 116.3     | 41.1        | 26.2             | 17.9               | 8.2       | 0.5                           | 353.2     |
| October ..                        | 152.7            | 122.1     | 43.9        | 28.0             | 21.2               | 8.1       | 0.5                           | 376.5     |
| November ..                       | 159.8            | 136.2     | 45.1        | 29.1             | 23.0               | 8.0       | 0.5                           | 401.7     |
| December ..                       | 173.8            | 146.4     | 47.8        | 30.5             | 24.0               | 9.7       | 0.6                           | 432.8     |
| January ..                        | 124.6            | 118.4     | 36.3        | 25.9             | 24.3               | 6.6       | 0.7                           | 336.8     |
| February ..                       | 156.1            | 137.0     | 41.8        | 34.0             | 24.9               | 8.6       | 0.5                           | 402.9     |
| March ..                          | 162.4            | 141.0     | 47.7        | 32.3             | 23.2               | 9.8       | 0.5                           | 416.9     |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (e) See footnote (d) on previous page.

# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            | War Savings and Savings Certificates—Net Amount Outstanding. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--|
|            | New South Wales.                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |  |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0                                 | 75.7      | 27.3        | 26.5             | 11.8               | 7.2       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 230.9      | ..   |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0                                 | 78.9      | 28.2        | 27.2             | 12.0               | 7.7       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 240.4      | ..   |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5                                 | 80.5      | 29.0        | 27.4             | 12.4               | 8.4       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 245.6      | ..   |
| 1945-46 .. | 236.2                                | 211.3     | 90.1        | 65.9             | 38.3               | 20.4      | 0.4                 | 1.0                           | 663.6      | 54.7   |
| 1946-47 .. | 231.4                                | 216.1     | 85.6        | 67.9             | 36.6               | 20.9      | 0.5                 | 1.0                           | 660.0      | 59.5   |
| 1947-48 .. | 237.0                                | 226.4     | 84.8        | 73.6             | 36.2               | 21.6      | 0.6                 | 1.1                           | 681.3      | 64.5   |
| 1948-49 .. | 244.5                                | 239.3     | 87.4        | 81.2             | 37.5               | 22.4      | 0.7                 | 1.2                           | 714.2      | 62.2   |
| 1949-50 .. | 258.9                                | 257.1     | 92.2        | 87.7             | 39.6               | 24.3      | 0.9                 | 1.4                           | 762.1      | 55.0   |
| 1950-51 .. | 284.5                                | 281.8     | 98.8        | 97.8             | 44.7               | 27.1      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 837.4      | 48.1   |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7       | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | 891.9      | 41.8   |
| 1950-51—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| March ..   | 278.7                                | 273.6     | 98.4        | 95.0             | 43.3               | 26.3      | 0.9                 | 1.6                           | 817.8      | 49.7   |
| April ..   | 279.4                                | 274.8     | 98.2        | 95.5             | 43.6               | 26.5      | 0.9                 | 1.7                           | 820.6      | 49.2   |
| May ..     | 279.8                                | 277.0     | 98.6        | 95.8             | 43.9               | 26.7      | 0.9                 | 1.7                           | 824.4      | 48.7   |
| June ..    | 284.5                                | 281.8     | 98.8        | 97.8             | 44.7               | 27.1      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | (a) 837.4  | 48.1   |
| 1951-52—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| July ..    | 285.5                                | 283.3     | 99.3        | 98.7             | 44.9               | 27.5      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 841.9      | 47.6   |
| August ..  | 287.4                                | 285.0     | 100.2       | 99.6             | 45.6               | 28.0      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 848.5      | 47.0   |
| September  | 288.9                                | 286.8     | 100.7       | 99.4             | 45.7               | 28.1      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 852.4      | 46.4   |
| October    | 290.7                                | 288.2     | 101.0       | 99.8             | 46.0               | 28.3      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 856.8      | 45.9   |
| November   | 292.5                                | 289.8     | 101.6       | 100.3            | 46.2               | 28.5      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 861.7      | 45.4   |
| December   | 293.2                                | 290.2     | 101.7       | 100.6            | 46.0               | 28.5      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 862.9      | 44.8   |
| January .. | 295.3                                | 293.0     | 101.4       | 101.6            | 46.3               | 28.7      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 869.1      | 44.3   |
| February   | 296.9                                | 294.1     | 100.8       | 102.3            | 46.3               | 29.2      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 872.4      | 43.9   |
| March ..   | 297.7                                | 294.8     | 100.5       | 102.4            | 46.3               | 29.4      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 873.9      | 43.5   |
| April ..   | 299.3                                | 295.5     | 100.8       | 102.4            | 46.5               | 29.6      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 876.9      | 42.8   |
| May ..     | 299.0                                | 295.7     | 100.7       | 101.5            | 46.2               | 29.7      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 875.6      | 42.3   |
| June ..    | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7       | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | (a) 891.9  | 41.8   |
| 1952-53—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| July ..    | 307.1                                | 303.5     | 103.5       | 105.0            | 47.7               | 30.3      | 1.1                 | 1.9                           | 900.1      | 41.3   |
| August ..  | 308.5                                | 305.1     | 104.1       | 105.7            | 48.0               | 30.6      | 1.1                 | 1.9                           | 905.0      | 40.7   |
| September  | 310.0                                | 306.8     | 105.0       | 106.0            | 48.4               | 30.7      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 910.0      | 40.1   |
| October    | 312.8                                | 308.9     | 106.5       | 107.1            | 48.7               | 30.9      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 918.0      | 39.5   |
| November   | 312.2                                | 308.9     | 106.4       | 107.1            | 48.9               | 30.9      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 917.5      | 38.9   |
| December   | 312.3                                | 309.4     | 106.9       | 107.2            | 48.6               | 30.9      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 918.4      | 38.4   |
| January    | 311.9                                | 309.8     | 106.1       | 107.7            | 48.5               | 31.0      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 918.1      | 37.9   |
| February   | 312.7                                | 311.0     | 106.1       | 109.1            | 48.4               | 31.3      | 1.1                 | 2.0                           | 921.7      | 37.4   |
| March ..   | 313.8                                | 311.6     | 106.4       | 110.1            | 48.6               | 31.3      | 1.1                 | 2.1                           | 925.0      | 37.0   |

(a) Interest added 1950-51, £12.8m.; 1951-52, £14.0m. The major part of this interest was added in June.



# INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.       | Trading Banks.<br>Interest on Fixed Deposits. |              |               |               | C'wealth.<br>Savings<br>Bank.                      | Treasury<br>Bills<br>(Discount<br>Rates). | C'wealth. Govt. Securities.        |                              | Private First<br>Mortgages<br>Registered<br>in New<br>South Wales<br>—Urban<br>Securities. |
|---------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|               | 3<br>months.                                  | 6<br>months. | 12<br>months. | 24<br>months. | Deposits<br>(maxi-<br>mum<br>rate of<br>interest). |   | Taxed at 1930<br>C'wealth. Rates.  |                              |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | Under 5<br>years.                  | 10 years and<br>over.        |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                    |                              |  |
| 1936-37 ..    | 2.00  | 2.50         | 2.75          | 3.00          | 2.00   | 1.75                                      | (a)<br>3.57                        | (a)<br>3.94                  | (b)<br>5.3   |
| 1937-38 ..    | 2.00  | 2.50         | 2.75          | 3.00          | 2.00   | 1.75                                      | 3.30                               | 3.71                         | 5.4  |
| 1938-39 ..    | 2.00  | 2.50         | 2.75          | 3.00          | 2.00   | 1.75                                      | 3.67                               | 3.84                         | 5.5  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | Taxed at Current<br>C'wlth. Rates. |                              |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | Short-<br>dated,<br>2 years.       | Long-<br>dated,<br>12 years. |  |
|               |   |              |               |               |  |   | (c)                                | (c)                          |  |
| 1945-46 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.10          | d 1.60        | 2.00   | 1.00                                      | 2.19                               | 3.24                         | 4.7  |
| 1946-47 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 1.00                                      | 1.93                               | 3.21                         | 4.5  |
| 1947-48 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 1.00                                      | 2.34                               | 3.16                         | 4.4  |
| 1948-49 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.96                                      | 2.07                               | 3.12                         | 4.4  |
| 1949-50 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 1.95                               | 3.13                         | 4.4  |
| 1950-51 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 1.99                               | 3.21                         | 4.4  |
| 1951-52 ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.05                               | 3.95                         | 4.4  |
| 1950-51—      |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                    |                              |  |
| March ..      | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.02                               | 3.27                         | 4.4  |
| April ..      | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.28                         | 4.4  |
| May ..        | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.24                         | 4.4  |
| June ..       | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.05                               | 3.51                         | 4.4  |
| 1951-52—      |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                    |                              |  |
| July ..       | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.03                               | 3.73                         | 4.4  |
| August ..     | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.03                               | 3.82                         | 4.4  |
| September ..  | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.04                               | 3.83                         | 4.4  |
| October ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.01                               | 3.80                         | 4.4  |
| November ..   | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.02                               | 3.76                         | 4.4  |
| December ..   | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 1.99                               | 3.75                         | 4.4  |
| January ..    | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.04                               | 3.82                         | 4.4  |
| February ..   | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.03                               | 3.82                         | 4.4  |
| March ..      | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.81                         | 4.4  |
| April ..      | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.07                               | 4.19                         | 4.4  |
| May ..        | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.13                               | 4.43                         | 4.4  |
| June ..       | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.21                               | 4.62                         | 4.4  |
| 1952-53—      |   |              |               |               |  |   |                                    |                              |  |
| July ..       | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.00   | 0.75                                      | 2.40                               | 4.51                         | 4.5  |
| August (e) .. | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.58                               | 4.49                         | 4.5  |
| September ..  | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 2.94                               | 4.61                         | 4.5  |
| October ..    | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.05                               | 4.68                         | 4.6  |
| November ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.15                               | 4.62                         | 4.7  |
| December ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.23                               | 4.53                         | 4.7  |
| January ..    | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.15                               | 4.46                         | 4.8  |
| February ..   | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.16                               | 4.53                         | 4.8  |
| March ..      | 1.00  | 1.25         | 1.50          | 1.75          | 2.25   | 1.00                                      | 3.20                               | 4.57                         | 4.8  |

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.

(b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

(c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.

(d) From December, 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50% on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00% on amounts in excess.

(e) The Order made by the Commonwealth Bank under the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations fixing maximum rates of interest was revoked as at 29th July, 1952.

# EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

| Period.         | Exchange Rates.         |                        |                           | Gold Prices.     |                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                 | Australia on London.(a) | London on New York.(a) | Australia on New York.(b) | Australia.(c)    | London.             |
|                 | £A. per £100 stg.       | \$ per £ stg.          | \$ per £ A.               | £A. per fine oz. | £ stg. per fine oz. |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.939                  | 3.929                     | 8.761            | 7.041               |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.980                  | 3.961                     | 8.690            | 7.001               |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.738                  | 3.759                     | 9.137            | 7.340               |
| 1945-46 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.198                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.199                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.200                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.204                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 3.074                  | 2.445                     | 14.443           | 11.557              |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1951-52 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                  | 2.224                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1950-51—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1951-52—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.795                  | 2.225                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.782                  | 2.213                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.781                  | 2.213                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.797                  | 2.225                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.808                  | 2.234                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.785                  | 2.216                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1952-53—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.788                  | 2.218                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.789                  | 2.218                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.783                  | 2.214                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.793                  | 2.222                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.801                  | 2.229                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.806                  | 2.233                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.813                  | 2.238                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.819                  | 2.243                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.816                  | 2.241                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. price paid by the mints in Australia.

(b) Selling rate. Direct quotation.

(c) Average

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period.                 | New Policies Issued.(b) |              |                        |              | Premiums.(c)         |                        | Claims, &c., Paid.(d) |                        | New Loans Granted.<br>(e) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
|                         | Ordinary Department.    |              | Industrial Department. |              | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department.  | Industrial Department. |                           |
|                         | Number.                 | Sum Assured. | Number.                | Sum Assured. |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
|                         |                         | £'000.       |                        | £'000.       | £'000.               | £'000.                 | £'000.                | £'000.                 | £'000.                    |
| <b>Monthly Average—</b> |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1937 .. ..              | 12,296                  | 4,120        | 36,148                 | 1,684        | 1,045                | 474                    | 747                   | 223                    | n.a.                      |
| 1938 .. ..              | 11,470                  | 3,867        | 32,757                 | 1,530        | 1,075                | 617                    | 781                   | 246                    | n.a.                      |
| 1939 .. ..              | 11,293                  | 3,886        | 32,125                 | 1,545        | 1,144                | 541                    | 835                   | 303                    | n.a.                      |
| 1946 .. ..              | 17,057                  | 8,341        | 29,891                 | 2,218        | 1,839                | 823                    | 1,092                 | 433                    | n.a.                      |
| 1947(a) ..              | 19,808                  | 9,549        | 26,271                 | 2,316        | 2,113                | 889                    | 1,052                 | 456                    | n.a.                      |
| 1947-48(a) ..           | 20,171                  | 10,077       | 26,915                 | 2,492        | 2,258                | 910                    | 1,044                 | 471                    | 1,057                     |
| 1948-49 ..              | 20,201                  | 10,618       | 25,254                 | 2,458        | 2,539                | 967                    | 1,112                 | 497                    | 1,476                     |
| 1949-50 ..              | 20,538                  | 12,243       | 24,999                 | 2,509        | 2,877                | 1,003                  | 1,224                 | 512                    | 2,778                     |
| 1950-51 ..              | 21,642                  | 15,206       | 22,713                 | 2,423        | 3,210                | 1,043                  | 1,310                 | 491                    | 3,893                     |
| 1951-52 ..              | 23,607                  | 18,464       | 27,216                 | 2,817        | 3,651                | 1,102                  | 1,441                 | 546                    | 3,963                     |
| <b>Monthly Total—</b>   |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| 1950-51—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| February ..             | 15,816                  | 10,631       | 21,445                 | 2,307        | 2,712                | 1,021                  | 1,187                 | 463                    | 4,152                     |
| March ..                | 20,629                  | 15,251       | 22,817                 | 2,512        | 3,099                | 1,087                  | 1,240                 | 483                    | 3,956                     |
| April ..                | 20,965                  | 15,945       | 24,704                 | 2,728        | 3,049                | 1,078                  | 1,419                 | 476                    | 3,753                     |
| May ..                  | 23,566                  | 18,249       | 23,044                 | 2,588        | 3,625                | 1,093                  | 1,405                 | 523                    | 4,803                     |
| June ..                 | 26,558                  | 20,711       | 22,352                 | 2,543        | 4,096                | 1,022                  | 1,341                 | 513                    | 4,658                     |
| 1951-52—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| July ..                 | 24,178                  | 19,569       | 27,368                 | 3,138        | 3,964                | 1,119                  | 1,483                 | 576                    | 6,083                     |
| August ..               | 29,639                  | 21,861       | 23,916                 | 2,798        | 3,610                | 1,131                  | 1,410                 | 547                    | 4,560                     |
| September ..            | 29,451                  | 22,258       | 27,768                 | 3,405        | 3,466                | 1,013                  | 1,414                 | 503                    | 4,771                     |
| October ..              | 23,155                  | 18,376       | 26,172                 | 3,119        | 3,421                | 1,176                  | 1,549                 | 564                    | 4,333                     |
| November ..             | 23,659                  | 17,291       | 22,817                 | 2,763        | 3,541                | 1,228                  | 1,471                 | 570                    | 3,599                     |
| December ..             | 28,745                  | 26,194       | 17,366                 | 2,100        | 3,586                | 1,209                  | 1,316                 | 492                    | 3,999                     |
| January ..              | 12,675                  | 9,102        | 8,110                  | 970          | 3,281                | 745                    | 1,302                 | 427                    | 3,244                     |
| February ..             | 18,206                  | 13,932       | 21,745                 | 2,641        | 3,251                | 1,118                  | 1,369                 | 558                    | 3,418                     |
| March ..                | 23,337                  | 16,515       | 30,099                 | 3,754        | 3,612                | 1,150                  | 1,489                 | 583                    | 3,103                     |
| April ..                | 20,371                  | 16,980       | 20,496                 | 2,519        | 3,566                | 1,040                  | 1,441                 | 500                    | 3,146                     |
| May ..                  | 25,022                  | 19,926       | 25,619                 | 3,209        | 3,876                | 1,155                  | 1,518                 | 622                    | 4,066                     |
| June ..                 | 24,842                  | 19,567       | 27,118                 | 3,389        | 4,643                | 1,140                  | 1,525                 | 616                    | 3,233                     |
| 1952-53—                |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |
| July ..                 | 24,927                  | 20,402       | 23,088                 | 2,887        | 4,491                | 1,163                  | 1,708                 | 644                    | 3,411                     |
| August ..               | 27,852                  | 19,677       | 22,094                 | 2,777        | 3,841                | 1,088                  | 1,617                 | 665                    | 2,749                     |
| September ..            | 30,510                  | 22,833       | 32,793                 | 4,234        | 4,407                | 1,271                  | 1,747                 | 635                    | 2,642                     |
| October ..              | 22,619                  | 18,636       | 22,667                 | 2,887        | 4,109                | 1,180                  | 1,690                 | 642                    | 2,845                     |
| November ..             | 24,219                  | 19,095       | 22,903                 | 2,994        | 3,683                | 1,186                  | 1,486                 | 616                    | 3,421                     |
| December ..             | 26,309                  | 25,369       | 18,857                 | 2,538        | 4,667                | 1,247                  | 1,591                 | 595                    | 4,119                     |
| January ..              | 14,661                  | 10,942       | 8,151                  | 1,023        | 3,661                | 806                    | 1,164                 | 466                    | 2,252                     |
| February ..             | 17,487                  | 13,800       | 21,985                 | 2,767        | 3,472                | 1,117                  | 1,398                 | 593                    | 1,991                     |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.  
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Government of—        | July–February, 1951–52. |              |                            | July–February, 1952–53. |              |                            |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                       | Revenue.                | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). | Revenue.                | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). |
| New South Wales(b) .. | 99,683                  | 103,524      | — 3,841                    | 113,733                 | 116,003      | — 2,270                    |
| Victoria .. .. .      | 44,251                  | 51,914       | — 7,663                    | 52,798                  | 61,535       | — 8,737                    |
| Queensland .. ..      | 33,527                  | 33,936       | — 409                      | 38,088                  | 39,993       | — 1,905                    |
| South Australia ..    | (c)22,567               | 23,647       | — 1,080                    |                         |              |                            |
| Western Australia ..  | 21,037                  | 22,191       | — 1,154                    | 23,112                  | 24,976       | — 1,864                    |
| Tasmania .. .. .      | 6,101                   | 6,945        | — 844                      | 6,926                   | 7,431        | — 505                      |
| Six States .. .. .    | 227,166                 | 242,157      | — 14,991                   |                         |              |                            |
| Commonwealth ..       | 497,840                 | 530,271      | — 32,431                   | 582,346                 | 636,866      | — 54,520                   |
| Grand Total .. ..     | 645,052                 | 692,474      | — 47,422                   |                         |              |                            |

| Government of—          | 1951–52.   |              |                             | 1952–53 Estimate. |              |                             |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
|                         | Revenue.   | Expenditure. | Surplus (+) or Deficit (–). | Revenue.          | Expenditure. | Surplus (+) or Deficit (–). |
| New South Wales(b) ..   | 168,935    | 168,837      | + 98                        | 184,927           | 184,911      | + 16                        |
| Victoria .. .. .        | 81,660     | 84,065       | — 2,405                     | 97,796            | 97,784       | + 12                        |
| Queensland .. .. .      | 55,753     | 55,708       | + 45                        | 61,897            | 62,186       | — 289                       |
| South Australia .. ..   | (c) 37,588 | 37,499       | + 89                        | 44,239            | 44,227       | + 12                        |
| Western Australia .. .. | 33,955     | 34,547       | — 592                       | 37,641            | 38,082       | — 441                       |
| Tasmania .. .. .        | 10,469     | 10,871       | — 402                       | 11,736            | 12,132       | — 396                       |
| Six States .. .. .      | 388,360    | 391,527      | — 3,167                     | 438,236           | 439,322      | — 1,086                     |
| Commonwealth .. ..      | 1,016,828  | 1,016,828    | (d) ..                      | 1,009,020         | 1,008,560    | + 460                       |
| Grand Total .. .. .     | 1,261,922  | 1,265,089    | — 3,167                     | 1,281,750         | 1,282,376    | — 626                       |

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (c) Excludes 1950–51 surplus carried forward. (d) Budget balanced by Special Appropriation of the surplus £98,500,000 to the National Debt Sinking Fund.

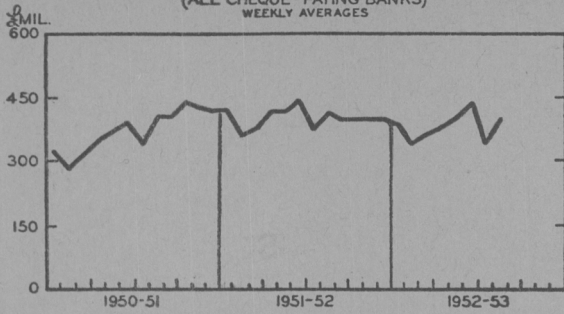
## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

(£'000.)

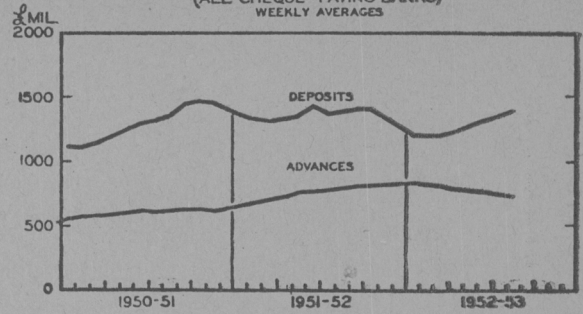
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|----------------------|--|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|
|                      | Commonwealth.                                | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total.  |
| At 31st March, 1953— |  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |         |
| Australia (b) ..     | 305,000                                      | ..               | 5,000     | ..          | 1,000            | 2,078              | ..        | 313,078 |
| London .. .. .       | 720  | 9,796            | 5,805     | ..          | 3,816            | 2,960              | 491       | 23,588  |
| At 31st March, 1952— |  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |         |
| Australia (b) ..     | 258,280                                      | ..               | 5,000     | ..          | ..               | ..                 | 1,000     | 264,280 |
| London .. .. .       | 970  | 9,796            | 5,805     | ..          | 3,816            | 2,960              | 491       | 23,838  |

(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling. (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

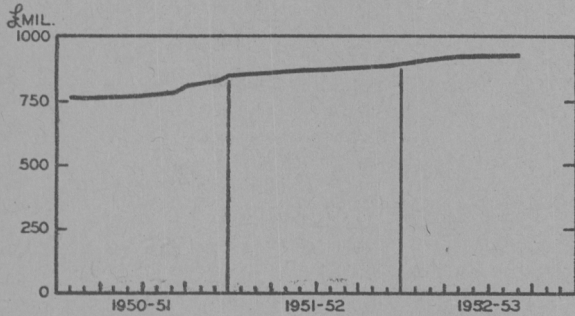
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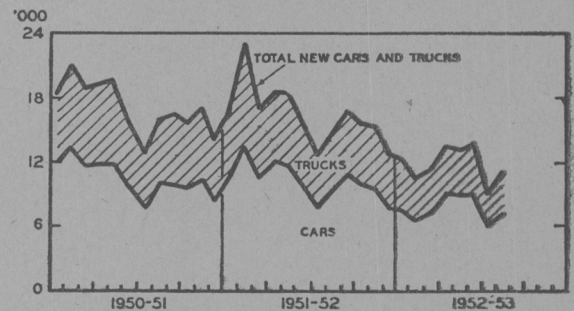
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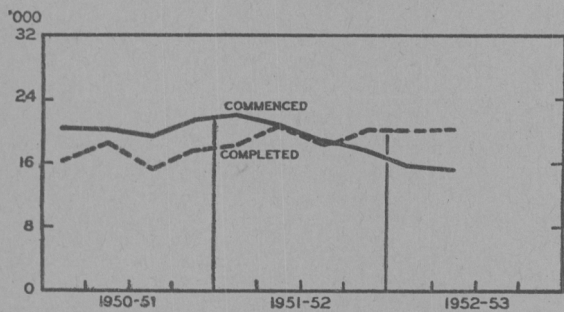
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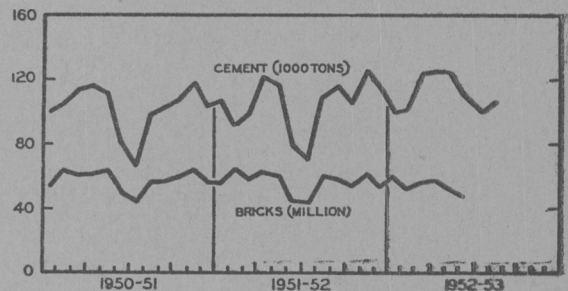
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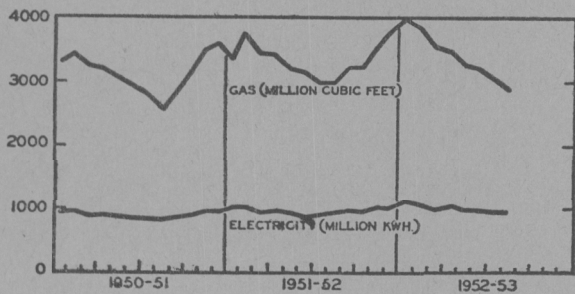
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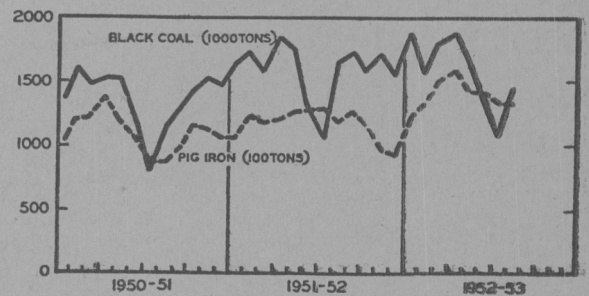
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